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OSWALD GUNS NL (250)

DALLAS, TEX. FEB. 21 (AP)-A FEDERAL DISTRICT JUDGE RULED TODAY THAT THE 6.5 MM MANNLICHER-CARCANO RIFLE USED TO KILL PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY MUST STAY IN THE POSSESSION OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

JUDGE JOE ESTES THUS DENIED THE CLAIM OF DENVER OILMAN JOHN J. KING, WHO MAINTAINED THAT HE IS THE RIGHTFUL OWNER OF THAT WEAPON AND ALSO THE PISTOL THAT KILLED DALLAS POLICEMAN J. D. TIPPIT ONLY HOURS AFTER THE ASSASSINATION NOV. 22, 1963.

ESTES AGREED WITH GOVERNMENT LAWYERS WHO CONTENDED THAT SINCE LEE HARVEY OSWALD ORDERED THE WEAPONS THROUGH THE MAILS UNDER A FICTITIOUS NAME, HE (OSWALD) NEVER LEGALLY OWNED THEM.

KING SAID HE SHOULD HAVE OWNERSHIP SINCE HE HAS PAID \$10,000 TO OSWALD'S WIDOW, MRS. MARINA OSWALD PORTER, FOR THE GUNS. HE SAID HE HAS PROMISED HER AN ADDITIONAL \$35,000 FOR THE WEAPONS.

ASST. U.S. ATTY. TIM TIMMINS (CQ) SAID OSWALD, THE ASSASSIN, NEVER LEGALLY OWNED THE RIFLE AND PISTOL BECAUSE HIS USE OF THE NAME "A. HIDEEL" IN ORDERING THEM VIOLATED THE FEDERAL FIREARMS ACT.

HE ADDED THAT KING HAD NO LEGAL RIGHT TO THE WEAPONS BECAUSE HE BECAME INVOLVED IN THE MATTER AFTER EVEN OSWALD'S PURPORTED OWNERSHIP ALREADY HAD BEEN FORFEITED UNDER THE FEDERAL FIREARMS ACT.

KING'S LAWYER, WILLIAM C. GARRETT OF DALLAS, SAID IT HAD NOT BEEN DECIDED WHETHER TO APPEAL THE RULING.

"GARRETT ARGUED, "THE GOVERNMENT ONLY USES THIS (FEDERAL FIREARMS) ACT IF A PERSON IS VERY BAD, OR IF IT DEARLY WANTS A WEAPON."

THE GOVERNMENT HAS SAID IT WANTS THE WEAPONS PERMANENTLY LODGED IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES IN WASHINGTON.