

U.S. Will Seek Possession Of the Rifle Used by Oswald

WASHINGTON, May 9 (AP) —The rifle that killed President Kennedy would remain in Government hands forever under a bill to be proposed by the Justice Department.

The rifle and other key evidence used by the Warren Commission in pinning the assassination guilt on Lee Harvey Oswald would go into the National Archives if the Attorney General judged their retention to be in the public interest.

Under the bill persons whose property is claimed by the Government could sue in Federal Court for compensation.

Oswald's wife, Marina, has been offered \$10,000 for the two weapons by a gun collector even though they are still in Government possession.

The bill is based on the premise that the key physical evidence in the assassination should be made absolutely secure so that no doubts can be raised about it in the near or distant future.