

A Fight for Kennedy Death Rifle

Washington

Senator George Murphy (Rep-Calif.) said last week that the Justice Department assures him it would not voluntarily surrender the rifle used to assassinate President John F. Kennedy.

Murphy asked the Department about the rifle after receiving complaints from constituents over a Texas man's claim that the rifle belongs to him.

"It would be improper and inappropriate for the assassination weapon to be turned over to private ownership to be paraded on exhibition or traded like some rare stamps or coins," Murphy said.

He urged that the rifle be placed in the hands of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for permanent safekeeping.

The Texan who claims he owns the rifle said he bought it from the widow of the late Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin, after the assassination in Dallas.

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