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[AN OFFICIAL OF THE MAIL ORDER FIRM WHICH SOLD THE GUN USED IN THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY TESTIFIED, BUT WAS NOT QUESTIONED ABOUT THE WEAPON.

[NOR WAS THE RIFLE FIRED BY LEE OSWALD MENTIONED BY THE WITNESS, WILLIAM J. WALDMAN, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF KLEIN'S SPORTING GOODS, INC., CHICAGO.

[DODD DID ASK WALDMAN TO GIVE THE DATE WHEN KLEIN'S STOPPED MAILING GUNS TO POST OFFICE BOXES. WALDMAN REPLIED THAT IT WAS IN LATE NOVEMBER OR EARLY DECEMBER, 1963.

[IT WAS NOVEMBER 22, 1963, THAT KENNEDY WAS KILLED IN DALLAS, HIS DEATH BLAMED ON OSWALD USING A GUN ORDERED FROM KLEIN'S.

[ASKED LATER WHY HE DID NOT QUESTION WALDMAN ABOUT THE MURDER WEAPON, DODD TOLD NEWSMEN HE DIDN'T WANT TO BADGER THE WITNESS AND THAT THE CASE WAS THOROUGHLY STUDIED BY THE WARREN COMMITTEE WHICH INVESTIGATED THE ASSASSINATION.

[DODD WAS THE ONLY SENATOR AT <sup>the</sup> ~~TODAY'S~~ HEARING.

[WALDMAN TESTIFIED THAT FIRE ARMS RESTRICTIONS PROPOSED BY DODD PROBABLY WOULD RESULT IN THE LOSS OF A MAJOR PORTION OF KLEIN'S MAIL ORDER BUSINESS.

[HE SAID THE CONGRESS SHOULD DETERMINE WHETHER RIFLES AND SHOTGUNS SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE SOLD BY MAIL ORDER AND HE SUGGESTED A REDUCTION OF GUN IMPORTS AND MORE OVER-THE-COUNTER SALE RESTRICTIONS.

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