

Oilman Seeking Oswald Weapons

A Denver oilman has officially claimed ownership of weapons used to assassinate President John F. Kennedy and kill Dallas policeman J. D. Tippit.

John J. King, president of Cortez Oil Co., filed the claim Friday under terms of an advertisement by the Internal Revenue Service, wire services reported.

The IRS advertised last month that anyone claiming the weapons must file a claim and a \$250 cost bond before Sept. 17.

FILES SUIT

Last May, Mr. King filed suit in U.S. District Court at Denver

against the Justice Department seeking to gain possession of the guns owned by the assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald.

Mr. King said that Oswald's widow, Marina, now married to Jess Porter of Dallas, signed a contract agreeing to sell him the guns. Under terms of the contract, he has paid Mrs. Porter \$10,000 with another \$35,000 to be paid when the guns are delivered.

The guns in question are the high-powered Italian rifle used to kill President Kennedy and wound Texas Gov. John Connally Nov. 22, 1963, and the .38 caliber pistol used to kill Patrolman Tippit in Oak Cliff shortly after the assassination.

U.S. POSSESSION

The weapons have been in the possession of the federal government since Oswald was arrested that Friday afternoon.

The government has obtained two postponements in the suit filed by Mr. King. Justice Department attorneys are presently required to file an answer by Sept. 23.

The wealthy oilman is reportedly an avid gun collector. He has been quoted as saying he would like to donate the rifle to a museum.