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JOHNSON CITY, TEX., NOV. 2 (AP)-PRESIDENT JOHNSON SIGNED TODAY A BILL AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNMENT TO ACQUIRE AND PRESERVE THE RIFLE USED IN THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

THE LEGISLATION ALSO AUTHORIZES THE ACQUISITION AND PRESERVATION OF OTHER ITEMS OF EVIDENCE. IN ITS REPORT ON THE BILL, THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE COMMENTED:

"IN THE YEARS AHEAD ALLEGATIONS AND THEORIES CONCERNING PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION MAY ABOUND. TO ELIMINATE QUESTIONS AND DOUBTS THE PHYSICAL EVIDENCE SHOULD BE SECURELY PRESERVED."

THE BILL AUTHORIZES THE APPROPRIATION OF WHATEVER FUNDS ARE NEEDED TO ACQUIRE THE ITEMS DESIGNATED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

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