

**Johnson Signs Bill to Keep
Control of Kennedy Rifle**

JOHNSON CITY, Tex., Nov. 2 (UPI) — President Johnson signed today legislation authorizing the Federal government to take ownership of the mail-order rifle used to murder President Kennedy.

The bill authorizes the Attorney General to designate items of evidence collected by the Warren Commission as Federal property. It was passed after John J. King, a Denver gun collector, put in a claim for the rifle and for the pistol that Lee Harvey Oswald used to kill a Dallas policeman, J.D. Tippit, on Nov. 22, 1963.

Mr. King reportedly purchased rights to the weapons from Oswald's widow for \$10,000. His claim for reimbursement has been made in the form of a suit against the Attorney General. It would be considered by a United States District Court or the United States Court of Claims under the legislation.