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DALLAS, TEX., FEB.22 (AP)-U.S. DIST. JUDGE JOE ESTES AWARDED PERMANENT CUSTODY OF PRESIDENTIAL ASSASSIN LEE HARVEY OSWALD'S WEAPONS TO THE GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY.

THE WEAPONS ARE A 6.5MM FOREIGN RIFLE USED TO KILL PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY AND A PISTOL WITH WHICH DALLAS POLICEMAN J.D. TIPPIT WAS SLAIN AS HE TRIED TO ARREST OSWALD.

JOHN J. KING, DENVER OIL MAN, CLAIMED OWNERSHIP OF THE WEAPONS. KING SAID HE PAID MARINA OSWALD PORTER, WIDOW OF THE ASSASSIN, \$10,000 FOR THE RIFLE AND PISTOL, AND PROMISED TO PAY HER \$35,000 MORE.

ASST. U.S. ATTY. TIM TIMMINS ARGUED SUCCESSFULLY THAT OSWALD ORDERED THE GUNS BY MAIL UNDER THE NAME OF "A. HIDELL" AND THUS NEVER BECAME THE LEGAL OWNER BECAUSE THIS VIOLATED THE FEDERAL FIREARMS ACT.

OFFICIALS HAVE SAID THEY WANT THE WEAPONS PLACED IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES IN WASHINGTON.

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