

COURT HEARS PLEAS ON OSWALD'S GUNS

ATLANTA, June 29 (AP)—The question of possession of Lee Harvey Oswald's guns was taken under advisement Wednesday by the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Attorneys for the Government and for a Colorado gun collector argued for possession of the rifle allegedly used to assassinate President Kennedy and the pistol allegedly used to kill J. D. Tippit, Dallas policeman.

The weapons were seized by the Government immediately after the assassination, but John J. King, a gun fancier, says he paid Oswald's widow \$10,000 for them and should get possession.

An assistant United States attorney, B. H. Timmons of Dallas, told the court that the guns became the property of the Government when Oswald bought them under an assumed name, thereby causing the gun dealer's records to contain false entries.

Mr. Timmons said that Mr. King knew at the time he bought the guns that they were in possession of the Government. "We feel he just paid \$10,000 for the right to litigate," he said.

Mr. King's attorney, William C. Garrett of Dallas, argued that Congress has passed a specific piece on litigation condemning these weapons along with some 3,000 other pieces of evidence. The legislation states that the Government will pay for the property after Nov. 1, 1966, but its value will be in question because of the condemnation, Mr. Garrett said.

He said that Mr. King had no knowledge of the guns being made Government property, but thought they were seized as evidence.