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Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

In your letter dated August 31, 1964, you requested information as to the extent of the firearms identification examinations conducted by the FBI Laboratory to determine whether cartridge cases found at various locations in the vicinity of Dallas, Texas, were fired from the Mannlicher-Carcano rifle, Serial No. C2766, Commission Exhibit 139.

Thirteen hundred thirty-six rifle cartridge cases, other than the three rifle cartridge cases recovered in the Texas School Book Depository Building, have been submitted to the FBI Laboratory for examination. Eighty of them were 6.5 mm Mannlicher-Carcano cartridge cases. The sources of these cartridge cases, the dates on which they came into possession of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the results of the Laboratory examinations made on them and where this information is recorded in investigative reports are being furnished to you in summary form in the attached list.

The rifle cartridge cases listed are the only ones received in the FBI Laboratory for examination in this case with the exception of the three rifle cartridge cases recovered on the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository Building. Only those three cartridge cases recovered in the Texas School Book Depository Building were identified as having been fired in the 6.5 mm Mannlicher-Carcano rifle, Serial No. C2766.

Sincerely yours,

A. Edgar Hoover
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Enclosure

COMMISSION EXHIBIT No. 3049

Specimens C61-C70

Description: Ten cartridge cases, 6.5 mm Japanese caliber.

Source: FLOYD GUY DAVIS, 2825 By Way, Dallas, Texas, owner of Sports Drome Rifle Range, 8000 West Davis, Dallas, Texas (Pages 233-234 of report of SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING, dated 12/10/63, at Dallas, Texas).

Date Received by FBI: 12/1/63, by SA ARTHUR E. CARTER and SA CHARLES T. BROWN, JR. (Pages 233-234 of report of SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING, dated 12/10/63).

Results of Laboratory Examination: FBI Laboratory report dated 12/5/63, (PC-78361 BX) (Pages 351-352 of report of SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING dated 12/10/63).

Specimens C71-C136

Description: Sixty-six 6.5 mm Mannlicher-Carcano cartridge cases from Sports Drome Rifle Range, 8000 West Davis, Dallas, Texas, along with two boxes containing 1183 miscellaneous cartridge cases of other than 6.5 mm caliber.

Source: FLOYD GUY DAVIS, 2825 By Way, Dallas, Texas, owner Sports Drome Rifle Range, 3000 West Davis, Dallas, Texas. (Pages 233-234 of report of SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING, dated 12/10/63, at Dallas, Texas).

Date Received by FBI: 12/1/63, by SA ARTHUR E. CARTER and SA CHARLES T. BROWN, JR. (Pages 233-234 of report of SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING, dated 12/10/63).

Results of Laboratory Examination: FBI Laboratory report dated 12/5/63, (PC-78360 BX) (Page 355 of report of SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING dated 12/10/63).

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Specimens C149-C151

Description: Three 6.5 mm Mannlicher-Carcano cartridge cases.

Source: Inspector TOM KELLEY, U. S. Secret Service, who stated cartridge cases were obtained from Mr. A. R. Papurt, Barr's Gun Shop, 2119 South Beckley Street, Dallas, Texas, by U. S. Secret Service Agent CHARLES E. KUNKEL (Page 98 of report of SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING, dated 12/23/63, at Dallas).

Date Received by FBI: 12/3/63, by SA JAMES P. HOSTY, JR., and SA JAMES J. WARD (Page 98 of report of SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING dated 12/23/63).

Results of Laboratory Examination: FBI Laboratory report dated 12/10/63, (PC-78426 BX) (Page 176 of report of SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING dated 12/23/63).

Specimen C152

Description: One 6.5 mm Mannlicher-Carcano cartridge case.

Source: Mrs. LOVELL T. PENN, Belt Line Road, Cedar Hill, Texas (Pages 267-270 of report of SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING dated 12/10/63, at Dallas, Texas).

Date Received by FBI: 12/4/63, by SA DAVID H. BARRY (Page 269 of the report of SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING, dated 12/10/63).

Results of Laboratory Examination: FBI Laboratory report dated 12/9/63, (PC-78441 BX) (Page 182 of report of SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING dated 12/23/63).

Specimens C153-C156

Description: Four 6.5 mm cartridge cases from the Irving, Texas, Police Department.

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Source: Major LEON POWERS, Assistant Chief of Police, Irving, Texas (Page 95 of report of SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING dated 12/23/63, at Dallas).

Date Received by FBI: 12/11/63, by SA ARTHUR E. CARTER (Page 95 of report of SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING dated 12/23/63, at Dallas).

Results of Laboratory Examination: FBI Laboratory report dated 12/16/63, (PC-78516 BX) (Page 194 of report of SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING dated 12/23/63, at Dallas).

Specimens C157-C160

Description: Four 6.5 mm Mannlicher-Carcano cartridge cases.

Source: Mrs. VIRGINIA GOODWIN, 1806 Southwest Third Street, Grand Prairie, Texas (Pages 115 to 117 of report of SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING dated 12/23/63, at Dallas, Texas).

Date Received by FBI: 12/9/63, by SA ARTHUR E. CARTER (Page 117 of report of SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING dated 12/23/63).

Results of Laboratory Examination: FBI Laboratory report dated 12/18/63, (PC-78515 BX) (Page 49 of report of SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING dated 1/7/64).

Specimens C161-C225

Description: 65 cartridge cases from Gun Range, Dallas, Texas. (Two of which were 6.5 mm Mannlicher-Carcano cartridge cases).

Source: Dr. DONALD DALE WHITCOMB, 1005 Southwest Third Street, Grand Prairie, Texas (Pages 100-101 of report of SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING dated 12/23/63, at Dallas, Texas).

Date Received by FBI: 12/9/63, by SA EDWIN D. KUYKENDALL (Pages 100-101 of report of SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING dated 12/23/63).

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Results of Laboratory Examination: FBI Laboratory report dated 12/23/63, (PC-78545 BX) (Page 51 of report of SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING dated 1/7/64).

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On April 29, 1964, Mr. FELIX PARKER, 10225 Lake Gardens Drive, Dallas 18, Texas, telephone DA 7-3408, who operates a Martinizing dry cleaning establishment, telephonically advised SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING that he had been shown a large photograph, approximately eight by ten, depicting President KENNEDY in his motorcade, and that such picture also depicted bystanders very clearly.

Mr. PARKER stated that the above-described photograph had been exhibited to him by Mrs. WANDA SCHAFER, who operates Hurst Reweaving, 2722 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, Texas. He stated that Mrs. SCHAFER did not state from whom she had received this photograph, and Mr. PARKER states he does not know the actual location reflected in the photograph. Mr. PARKER stated, however, that one of the bystanders depicted in the photograph resembles JACK RUBY.

Mr. PARKER stated that he felt Mrs. SCHAFER would be most happy to make such photograph available for any purpose it might serve in the investigation of the assassination of President KENNEDY, and for this reason was making the above information available.