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On January 7, 1964, Mr. JOHN W. SIPES, Deputy Director, Office of Munitions Control (MC), Department of State, and Mr. JOHN F. DEPENDROCK, Chief, Arms Traffic Division, MC, furnished the following information to Special Agent (SA) KENNETH J. HASER:

"An informant of unconfirmed reliability who is an officer in a surplus small arms company, advised the Office of Munitions Control on December 18, 1963, that he was in possession of firm evidence that the ammunition used to assassinate President KENNEDY was imported into the United States in contravention of Section 414(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended.

"The informant stated that the ammunition had been positively identified as Winchester Western 6.5 mm. (Italian); that the ammunition was manufactured by Winchester in 1951-2; and that it was furnished to the Government of Greece under the Greek Aid Program in 1952 or 1953. Further, the informant stated that two lots of this ammunition were exported from Greece to Canada by a Greek national named FONTINELLIS who was acting as an agent for International Firearms, Montreal, Canada. He advised that Mr. SUCHER is the principal stockholder in International Firearms Company. The informant continued that one of the two lots of the subject ammunition was sent from Greece to Canada after February 1, 1962. The informant alleges that this ammunition was imported into the United States in contravention to the section of the law that restricts the return to the United States for resale any ammunition of United States manufacture furnished to foreign governments by the United States under any foreign assistance program. He further alleges that there was no other ammunition of this type available in the United States, as it was manufactured specifically for the Greek Government under the Greek Aid Program. The informant has reason to believe that the ammunition was imported from Canada under the provision of the International Traffic in Arms regulations which exempts imports from Canada where the ammunition has come from a third country and has been in Canada more than one year. (22 CFR 123.23c)

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Regarding the information furnished by Mr. JOHN W. SIPES, Deputy Director, Office of Munitions Control (MC), United States Department of State and Mr. JOHN F. DEPENBROCK, Chief, Arms Traffic Division, MC, USDS, concerning ammunition possibly used in the assassination, Mr. SIPES identified his informant as Mr. PETER BEER, official of International Armament Corporation (INTERARMCO), Alexandria, Va., a naturalized United States citizen.

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