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U. S. Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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June 29, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

In addition to the revolvers already supplied Bureau offices and the Thompson Sub-machine guns which you have approved, please be advised that we believe automatic shot guns and Springfield Rifles also should be furnished for the following reasons:

1. Automatic Shot Gun.

A weapon more accurate and quicker to use than the machine gun is advisable. The automatic shot gun serves this purpose. It should be used for urban work where snap shooting with deadly accuracy is required on the spur of the moment. With a charge of buck shot in the 20 inch cylinder barrel of the automatic shot gun, one man could effectively deal with a mob of gangsters afoot with deadly accuracy. The shot gun loaded with buck shot has not the penetration of the Thompson Sub-machine gun but is most effective for short ranges of not more than 30 to 40 yards. It serves the purpose which is not served by any of the other weapons furnished.

2. N.R.A. type .30-'06 caliber Springfield Sporter Rifle.

Neither the pistol, shot gun nor Thompson machine gun can possibly serve the purpose to which this rifle should be devoted. It is required for use in long distance shooting requiring absolute accuracy. Should a squad of agents, for instance, approach an automobile or a house in rural districts and be fired upon from a distance of 200 or 300 yards, neither the pistol, shot gun, nor the Thompson Sub-machine gun would be effective on account of the long range. The .30-'06 caliber rifle has a maximum range of 3 1/2 miles. It shoots the high powered military boat-tailed bullet. It has the greatest penetration and the flattest projectory of any other modern rifle. The Sporter type has the rear peep-sight, which affords instant aiming and deadly accuracy at a distance of 500 or 600 yards. The tire could be shot from an automobile, the motor put out of commission or the gasoline tank punctured with this weapon. Such results could not be accomplished with the other weapons.

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Respectfully,

J. M. KEITH:  
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*21 - Autom. Shot Gun*  
*21 - Springfield Rifle*  
*ordered.*  
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. W. GARDNER,  
GENERAL AGENT AND CHIEF CLERK.

JUN 30 1933

Please order the following equipment for the Bureau of Investigation:

- 21 Automatic Shot Guns, 12 Gauge, either Remington or Winchester, Cylinder Bore, 20" Barrel, to be fired with Buckshot Shell.
- 21 Springfield Sporter Rifles, N.R.A. type .30-'06 calibre, with 20 inch barrel.

It is understood that the Springfield Sporter Rifle can be ordered direct from the War Department, through the Commanding Officer, Ordnance Department, United States Army, Washington, D. C. The order should specify that "Settlement will be made in accordance with Section 601, Act of June 30, 1933."

The Bureau desires that one of each of the above guns be sent to each of the Bureau field offices with the exception of Honolulu.

It is imperative that this order be placed today, in order that payment for this equipment may be made from the appropriation for the Fiscal Year 1933.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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March 14, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. W. GARDNER  
GENERAL AGENT AND CHIEF CLERK

Attention: Chief, Division  
of Supplies and Printing

In connection with the request that you order a supply of 12 gauge repeating shotguns for use of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, it is requested that these guns be 12 gauge repeating shotguns, Model 31 Remington, or equal, with twenty inch barrel and modified cylinder bore.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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April 28, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated April 15, 1936, and to previous correspondence relative to carrying cases for the shotguns and the .551 calibre rifles recently furnished to Bureau Field Offices. The sample cases submitted by the Kansas City Trunk Company have been examined at the Bureau and approved. Accordingly it is requested that you immediately arrange to secure bids for the manufacture of one hundred and ten rifle cases and for one hundred and thirty shotgun cases equivalent to the sample cases.

In this connection you are also requested to secure bids for the manufacture of the following types of carrying cases:

Fifty five cases for Thompson Submachine Guns.  
Ten cases for 30.06 calibre rifles, 20-inch barrel.

As all of the above carrying cases are urgently needed by the various field offices it is requested that this matter be expedited to the fullest extent.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC: Mr. Baughman

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1616 FEDERAL BUREAU BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.

May 15, 1956.

Kansas City Trunk Company,  
529 Main Street,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

You are hereby requested to submit a BID within three days from the receipt of this letter for one hundred thirty(130)cases, designed for carrying one pump shot gun, Remington Model 21, equivalent to sample case exhibited with this letter.

SPECIFICATIONS:

SIZE. Inside measurements: Length 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ "  
Width 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "  
Depth of body 2"  
Depth of top 1"

TYPE OF WOOD: Clear Northern Basswood;  
3/4" frame; 1/8" sides;  
three ply box. To be cemented  
with animal glue and put to other  
with cement coat nails.

CORNERING: Black pebble grain heavy, grill back, artificial  
leather, 60-69 quality(sample submitted herewith),  
glued on wood box.

FITTINGS: 8 heavy cowhide corners riveted on.  
3 steel hinges riveted on.  
2 draw catches, polished nickel, riveted on.  
1 side hasp lock riveted on.  
1 handmade solid leather handle - 2 polished nickel  
handle loops riveted on.

LINING: Blue velveteen lining, turned edges; all ends and points where gun contacts case to be covered with cowhide leather to protect velveteen lining.

ALL FITTINGS; LATCH; BLOSOM: As per sketch submitted herewith.

**D E L I V E R Y:**

To be made and delivered on or before forty-five(45)days after receipt of notice of acceptance of bid.

Attached hereto please find sketch containing measurements of the above described case, and a model of this case will be exhibited to you for your examination at the time this letter is delivered.

The above cases are to be made in a neat and substantial manner, and the materials used are to be of the best manufacture and workmanship possible, as is required in the specifications set forth by the United States Government.

Signed bids and certificates of compliance should be submitted in quadruplicate.

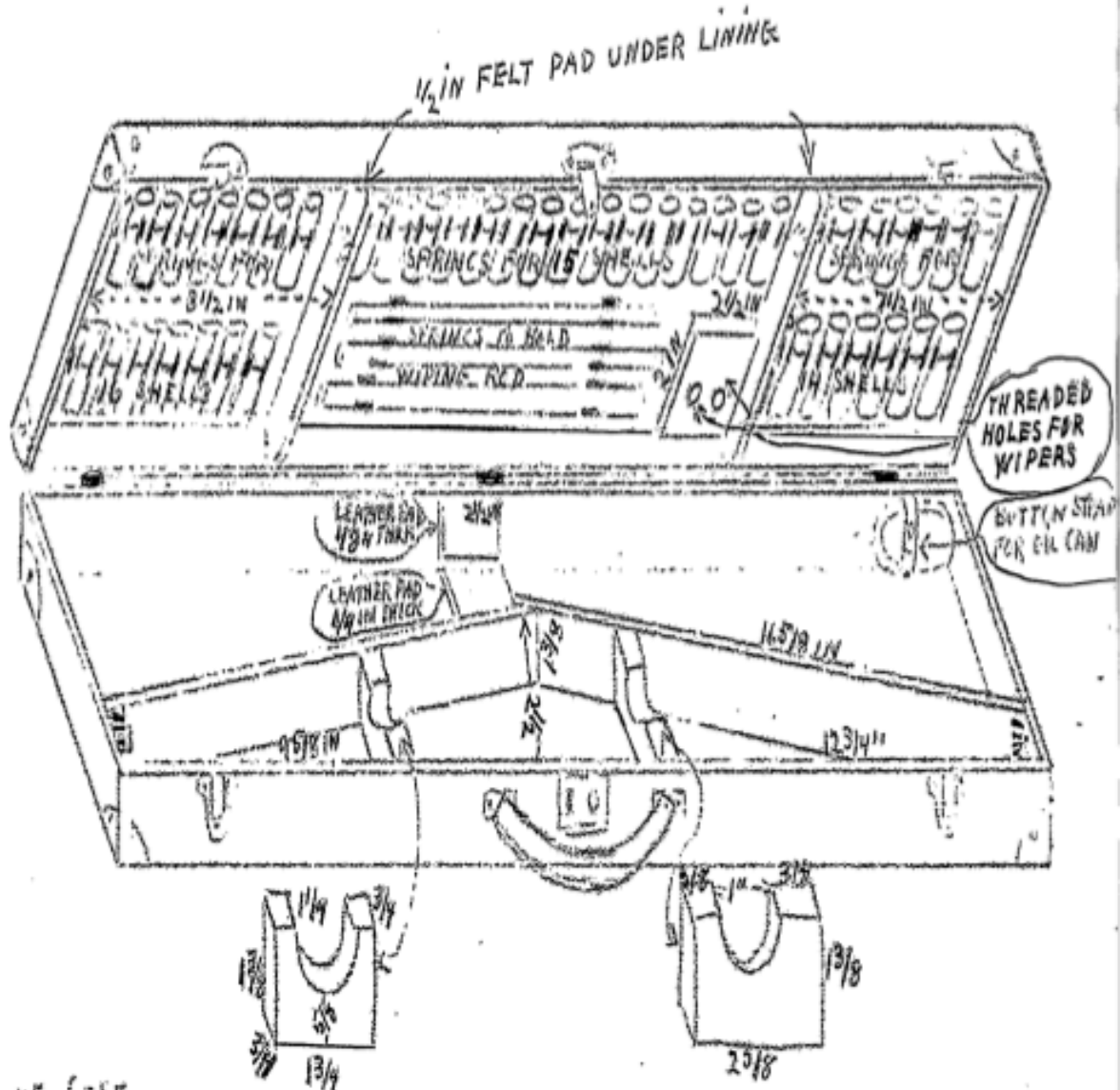
It will be necessary in the submission of your bids that you certify in your letter that you are a member of the National Recovery Administration and are complying with the terms thereof, and that all products used by you in the manufacture of these cases are of the product and manufacture of the United States.

Very truly yours,

W. L. C. M. Y.  
Special Agent in Charge.

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DETAIL SKETCH OF CASE FOR SHOT GUN  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



SIZE OF CASE

LENGTH 32 1/2 IN INSIDE  
WIDTH 6 1/2 IN "  
DEPTH OF BODY 2 IN "  
DEPTH OF TOP 1 1/4 "

BODY AND FRAME  
COVERING  
FITTINGS

CLEAR NORTHERN PATENT D - 30 L HES  
BLACK BRASS BRASS HEAVY BRASS BRASS, ALUM. LEATHER  
9 HEAVY CANNON LOCKERS RIVETED ON  
3 STEEL HINGES  
2 DRAW CATCHES POLISHED NICKEL RIVETED ON  
1 SIDE HASP LOCK " "  
1 HAND MADE SOLID LEATHER HANDLE " "  
2 POLISHED NICKEL HANDLE LOOPS " "