

Q. Governor, have you made a study of what kind of gun control law you want enacted?

A. Yes indeed, I think the kind of gun control law we need is a law that affects hand guns, guns that are readily concealable or maybe even rifles that break down to be readily concealable; a law that requires the person who wants to purchase them to obtain a permit with a sufficient waiting period that the police can check out to make certain that this person is not a psychopathic personality or a criminal or anyone who shouldn't be allowed to purchase a weapon. And this type of control is reasonable.

Q. How about a minor?

A. Or a minor, of course, or many other restrictions of people who obviously shouldn't have weapons.

Q. But you don't think there should be a permit for all guns?

A. A permit to carry them, yes, but to own them? I don't think it's a feasible thing.

Q. Governor, is what you are saying really that we should not go overboard on gun control because of what happened?

A. What I'm saying is that my long familiarity with the legitimate objections to the broad type of gun control regulation that comes out of a tragedy such as we've just experienced should not be adopted. I think we should look very carefully, and use the laws that have been suggested. I think General Reckord is one of the outstanding authorities in this area in the State and indeed in the country, and we can come up with a law that makes sense, one which will not engender the kind of opposition that the broad-based law that is being talked about affecting all rifles and weapons does.

(Kennedy Funeral)

Q. Governor, will you be going to the Kennedy funeral on Saturday?

A. I am considering whether I will attend the funeral or not, and expect to make a decision today or sometime tomorrow morning on that.

(Comptroller — Tax Program)

Q. Governor, the Comptroller has characterized the graduated income tax as your tax program. What do you say to that?

A. Well, this is a remark that if you told me someone had said it and asked me who did, I would have guessed the Comptroller.