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ATTENTION CRIMINAL SECTION

Enclosed are two copies of a letter from the President's Commission dated april 28, 1964 enclosing transcripts of the testimony furnished by Dial Duwayne Ryder before Mr. Wesley J. Liebeler of the President's Commission. Also included is the report of Officer F. M. Turner - #809, Dallas Police Department.

Dallas is instructed to institute immediate investigation complying with requests in the Commission letter which is self-explanatory.

It is noted the transcript of Dial Duwayne Ryder has been classified by the Commission "TOP SECRET" and should be handled accordingly.

Endeavor to complete this request at an early date and furnish the results of your investigation to the Bureau in letterhead memoranda for dissemination to the President's Commission.

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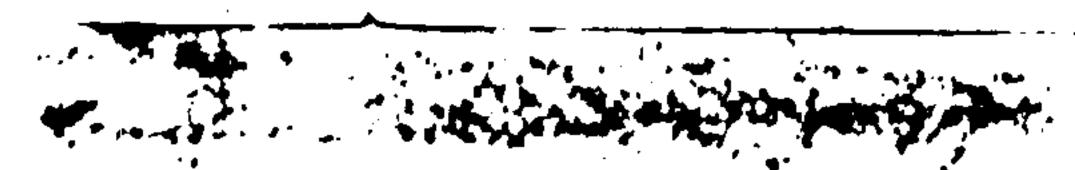
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By letter dated April 28, 1964, the President's Commission furnished a four page request which concerned the tag marked "Cswald" which was obtained from the Irving Sports Shop and had been prepared by Dial Duwayne Ryder. In connection with had been prepared by Dial Duwayne Ryder. In connection with Compared Telated investigation the Commission wanted certain facts clarified such as was our Agent actually present when the tag DeLouch was found and if our Agent asked Ryder when and under what circumstances Ryder became aware of the tags existence.

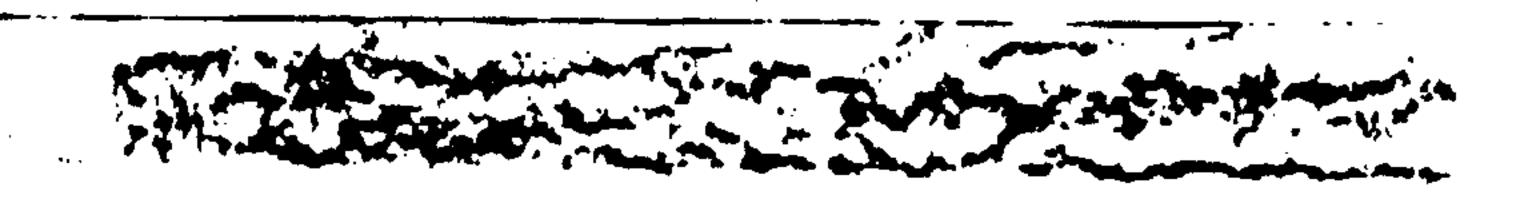
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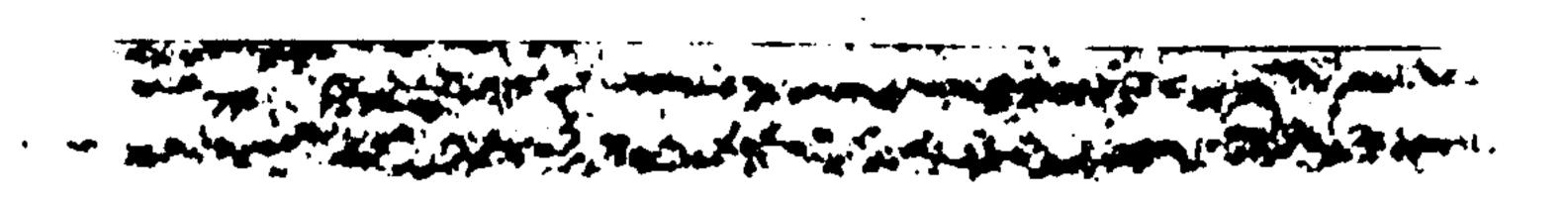


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Commission all desired to know how and w. n and where the story concerning the Irving Sports Shop first came to the attention of the press as they are making a determination concerning the veracity of Messrs. Ryder and Greener Matter who is the owner of the Irving Sports Shop. Commission also desires to know who prepares the city directories of Dallas and Irving, Texas, and how the names listed are obtained for purposes of locating other individuals by the name of Oswald who may have resided in the Dallas and Fort Worth area in October, 1963. A request for the interview of Jessie J. Oswald to determine whether or not he had any work performed on any weapon which he may have owned. The Commission wishes to be advised whether or not the Bureau has received any indication that Lee Harvey Oswald owned any other rifle other than the weapon identified as "K-1".

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Dallas, Texas

March 25, 1964

5:25 o'clock P.M.

PROCEEDINGS

MR. LIEBELER. This is Mrs. Johnson, the Court reporter Mr. Ryder Would you rise and I will swear you as a witness.

(Witness complying)

Do you solemnly swear the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

MR. RYDER. Yes, sir.

MR. LIEBELER. Please be seated.

(Witness complying)

member of the legal staff of the President's Commission investigating the assassination of President Kennedy. Staff members have been authorized to take testimony of witnesses by the Commission pursuant to authority granted to it by Executive Order No. 11130 dated Novem ber 29, 1963, Joint Resolution of Congress, 137, and have granted to the Executive Order and the Joint Resolution formance with the Executive Order and the Joint Resolution

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to the C(ission wrote you a let r last week and told Conjact you that I would, be-in-touch-with you to take your testimony this week, and he sent with that letter, Es I 4 understand, a copy of that Executive Order and Joint 5 Resolution together with a copy of the Rules of Proced+ ure adopted by the Commission for the taking of tesimony of witnesses. You received that letter? MR. RYDER. Yes, sir. MR. LIEBELER. And copies of the papers I refert red to? 10 MR. RYDER. Yes, sir. 11 OF DIAL 12 Today we want to examine you MR. LIEBELER. 13 briefly concerning the possibility that you did some .. 15 work on a rifle for a gentleman by the name of Oswald who may in fact have been Lee Harvey Oswald. Before we get into that, we would like to have you state your full name for the court reporter. MR. RYDER: Dial Duwayne (sp) Ryder. 19 MR. LIEBELER. What is your address? 20 MR. RYDER. 2028 Harvard. 21 MR. LIEBELER. What city? 22 MR. RYDER. Irving, Texas. 23 MR. LIEBELER. Where are you employed, Mr.Ryder? 24 MR. RYDER. Irving' Sports Shop. 25

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LIEBELER.
                         Where is
          MR. RYDER. 221 East Irving Boulevard, Irving,
    Texas.
          MR. LIEBELER.
                          What kind of place is the Irving
    Sports Shop?
                     Well, it's a retail sporting goods
          MR. RYDER.
    store.
          MR.
                         And what do you do in your work
    there?
         MR. RYDER. Actually, my capacity is, I guess
11 you could refer to it as service manager. I do all the
 12 service work, gun work, outboard motor work, rig boats
 13 I guess you say general flunkie or service man you re-
 14 fer to it as.
                         How old are you?
          MR. LIEBELER.
          MR. RYDER.
          MR. LIEBELER. Were you born here in Texas?
          MR. RYDER. No, sir, I was born in Claremont,
 18
    Illinois.
       MR. LIEBELER. When did you move to Texas? .
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         MR. RYDER.
                      1945
         MR. LIEBELER. 1945?
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          MR. RYDER. Yes, sir.
                        Where did you go to school?
          MR. LIEBELER.
                      Irving High School -- actually, I
          MR. RYDER.
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went all the way through the Irving Public School sys-
  tem.
        MR. LIEBELER. And you graduated from the Irving
  Public High School?
        MR. RYDER. Yes.
        MR. LIEBELER. When did you graduate from high
7 school?
         MR. RYDER.
                     1957.
         MR. LIEBELER. How long have you been working
10 for the Irving Sports Shop?
         MR. RYDER. Five years be close enough; it's a
  little less than five, but five covers it.
         MR. LIEBELER. - Are you married?
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         MR. RYDER. Yes, sir.
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         MR. LIEBELER. Do you have children?
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                     No, sir.
         MR. RYDER.
         MR. LIEBELER. How long have you been married?
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         MR. RYDER.
                     Five years.
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         MR. LIEBELER. Have you been in the military ser-
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   vice?
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         MR. RYDER.
                      Yes, sir.
         MR. LIEBELER. What branch were you in?
                      Went in the National Guard, 49th
    rmored Division which I am still an active member.
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Of the National Guard?

MR. LIEBELER.

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MR
               RYDER.
                        Sergeant.
           MR. LIEBELER. What was it at the time you went
     into active duty?
           MR. RYDER. It was June 11, in '60 when I re-
    ported to Fort Leonard Wood.
           MR. LIEBELER. Junior what? What was your rank
     when you went on active duty?
           MR. RYDER. I was just a E-2.
           MR. LIEBELER. E-2?
          MR. RYDER. Yes, or private, beginner -- actually,
  11 I had three months actually, National Guard work which
 12 waives your time for $\frac{\xi}{\xi}-2, three month's period. Of
13 course, there isn't much difference in pay rate.
           MR. LIEBELER. Now, it appears that there was a
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 15 newspaper story that appeared in the Dallas Times
16 Herald on November 28, 1963, and apparently a version
 17 of that story was carried in the New York Times on
    November 29, 1963, which mentions you. Do you recall
 19 being interviewed by a reporter from a Dallas newspaper?
          MR. RYDER. After the story was out, yes, before,
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    lno.
          MR. LIEBELER. You-mean what do you mean by
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    that?
          MR. RYDER. Well, the deal is the story came out
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    on Thanksgiving and early that morning the telephone
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l rang -- (would say roughly 7:30 x 8, something like 2 that and I answered the phone and a guy introduced him; 3 self and I told him I didn't have any comment and hung

MR. LIEBELER. This was a newspaper man?

MR. RYDER. To tell you the truth, I didn't pay that much attention. I was half asleep because it was gla day off. I was going to get some of that extra dozing time, you know, and I just told him I didn't have 10 any comment and hung the phone up and took it off the hook and later on that day, C.B.S. television came out and they were wantin' a blown-up deal on it to put on television when they found it was opposite which came out in the Times Herald.

In other words, you were not in-MR. LIEBELER. le terviewed as far as you can remember by a mewspaper ret. porter prior to the time the story came out in the Times Herald?

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MR. RYDER. Not as far as I know. I was inter-20 | viewed by the F.B.I. and Dallas Police Department and 21 I believe a couple Secret Sarvice men came out.

Which one of those interviewed MR. LIEBELER:

The F.B.I. was the first one out. MR. RYDER. Do you remember what the date was

when the .B.I. first interviewed ou? MR. RYDER. It was on Monday, the day of the funeral of President Kennedy. MR. LIEBELER: That would have been November 5 25th. Friday was the 22nd, Saturday would be the 23rd 6 Sunday the 24th, Monday the 25th. Do you remember the name of the F.B.I. man? · MR. RYDER. Mr. Horton. MR. LIEBELER. Horton (spelling) -- 🗫 Emory E. Horton? I didn't get his first name. His MR. RYDER. 12 last name stuck with me -- well, I don't know why; it just stayed there. MR. LIEBELER. What did Mr. Horton say to you. and what did you say to him, the best of your recollec-17 Of course, we were closed on that MR. RYDER. Monday. 18 19 The Irving Sports Shop was closed? MR. RYDER. Right, and he came to the house, so 20 at that time he showed me pictures of Lee Harvey Ocwald and pictures of the gun and asked me about it. I said "Well, the face and the body features of Oswald there 24 was real common in this country." I mean, you know, in this area in Texas and that to say that I had him in the

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I shop, ac ally, this was after a riod of time that 2 we boiled it down to. Oh, I told him I had a ticket 3 with the name Oswald, no date, no address, just for 4 drilling and tapping and bore siting -- no address, or 5 name; he didn't say he'd like to see the ticket and was , B looking at the pictures, then I seen the gun. Of 7 course, from the picture I told him as far as I could 8 remember I told him I hadn't mounted that scope, you know.

MR. LIEBELER. You based that statement that you 11 had not mounted the scope on your recollection that you 12 | had not worked on that particular kind of rifle, is that correct?

Right, on this Italian rifle -- I: MR. RYDER. 15 never worked on them. I seen them but as far as doing le any physical work, I haven't done none even to this 17 date, I haven't worked on any of them.

MR. LIEBELER. You are absolutely sure about that? MR. RYDER. I am positive on that, very positive. 20 So, we went up to the Irving Sports Shop and I opened 21 it up and got the ticket and showed him. It was just 22 a little repair ticket actually what it amounted to.

> MR. LIEBELER. Did it have a number on it? MR. RYDER. Yes, sir, I don't remember the num-

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MR. LIEBELER. Did you give the tag to Mr. Horton?
         MR. RYDER. No, he told us to hold on to it,
 3 keep it and they would probably get it later on and
 4 they did. It seems to me like it was two or three
 5 weeks ago they came and got it now.
         MR. LIEBELER. Just two or three weeks ago?
         MR. RYDER.
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                      Yes.
         MR. LIEBELER. Who came and got it?
         MR. RYDER. I don't know; the boss, Mr. Greener
10 gave it to him. It was on Saturday, I believe it was.
         MR. LIEBELER. Did that tag indicate the nature
   of the work that was to be done?
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         MR. RYDER. Well, actually, all it had on it was
14 drill and tapping; it said drill and tap and a price of
15 $4.50, I believe it was and bore site, of course, no
16 charge on that, so by us charging $1.50 a hole --that's
17 | what we normally charge for drillin' and tappin' --
18 would on this particular thing, would have been three
19 holes drill and tap, where in the picture of the gun
20 there was only two screws holding the mount of the
21 scope on which is, more or less, made it positive we
22 hadn't mounted it on the gun, so Mr. Horton, so he took
   it for granted that I hadn't done the work on it and I
   am sure I haven't because
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definitely sure but I am quite sure it was because he

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MR. RYDER. Actually, I can't really say too

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1 doesn't member seeing the gun ha the shop while he
      2 was there. In other words, before they left, and of
      3 course, it was gone when they came back.
              MR. LIEBELER. When you say "the gun", what do
        you mean?
              MR. RYDER.
                         The one I worked on -- in other
      7 words, he keeps a pretty good watch on my work to make
      g sure I'm gettin' it out on time and he will check fair-
     9 ly close every day, every other day, and check to make
     10 sure I'm getting the work out, that old work isn't lay-
     in' there to be done. He's pretty sharp on rememberin'
     12 names and he would have remembered that quite surely
             MR. LIEBELER. Do you have much work of this
    15 type?
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            MR. RYDER. Yes, sir, at that time.
             MR. LIEBELER. You did have quitesa lot of work
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   . 18 at this time mounting telescopic sites?
            MR. RYDER. Yes, when they left, that's two weeks
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    20 prior to the opening of the deer season here and I
    21 guess that two weeks I mounted 35, 40, maybe 50 scopes
    22 in that week as well as run the business while they was
23 gone which is quite a headache in itself. That's just
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24 prior to huntin' season, you see. Just like I told

25 everybody all along, I couldn't say specifically if it

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l was by seein' pictures if it was him or another Oswald
  2 In other words, I don't put that close relation to a
3 man's face to a particular item of work.
         MR. LIEBELER. -When did the deer season open --
5 the 14th or 15th of November?
         MR. RYDER. The 15th, I believe it was this year.
         MR. LIEBELER. And you say you mounted perhaps as
  8 many as 50 scopes in the two weeks preceding that day?
         MR. RYDER. Very possibly.
         MR. LIEBELER. Let's go back to the last two
 11 weeks in October. Did you have a similar number of
 12 scopes to mount during that time?
         MR. RYDER. Not quite that many. Lot of these
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 14 guys like to get their scopes mounted just before they.
 15 leave. For instance, buyin' these license plates and
 16 gettin' your car inspected works the same way. They
 17 wait until the last minute before they really get ready
 18 to go.
          MR. LIEBELER. Do you have any recollection of
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 20 about how many scopes you might have mounted during the
 21 last two weeks in October?
       MR. RYDER. . No, sir, I sure wouldn't say speci-
23 fic to remember, sure wouldn't be sure about the number.
                        It would not have been as many :
          MR. LIEBELER.
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25 as you did the first two weeks in November but would

have bel more than 10? MR. RYDER. Oh, yeah, I'm quite sure. I say roughly 25 scopes. Of course, a lot of these people 4 that buy their scopes wholesale or buy a cheap scope b that we don't handle, we handle the better priced and 6 better scopes and they buy these things and mounts and 7 everything somewhere else and have us mount them. MR. LIEBELER. The thing I am working toward 9 here is trying to fix the date on which this ticket 10 with the name Oswald on it -- when the work was done. MR. RYDER. Yes. MR. LIEBELER. If you mounted, say, 25 scopes 12 13 or approximately that many during the last two weeks 14 of October, isn't it possible that the Oswald scope : could have been mounted during that period of time and 16 your boss would not have remembered the name Oswald as ... being connected with one of those rifles? MR. RYDER. Could have but like I say, he's 19 pretty sharp. He's pretty smart; I mean in keepin' up 20 with the business, you know what I mean. In other

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21 words, the flow of the work that I had; in other words, he keeps a close watch on it.

MR. LIEBELER. Now you stated that the repair tag had a number on it. Are these repair tags taken off a book with tags with consecutive numbers on them? M RYDER. No, 'sir.

MR. LIEBELER. Where do these numbers come from?

MR. RYDER. We buy repair tags, of course, they

have a main base of the tag, just a tag you can tear

off and you can tear off -- say I have number 41626 of

the other piece; in other words, have the right tag on

the gun. As far as sequence, we don't use any. We

have a box and we reach over, get a tag, put a man's

name on it. The same tag is used on reels, rods, out-

board motors, boats.

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MR. LIEBELER. So there is no possible way in

which you could fix the date by observing the sequence

MR. RYDER.

of the number on the tag?

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MR. LIEBELER. Could you limit it to a period

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MR. RYDER. Like I say, it would be from the

first to around the fourteenth or fifteenth of November

while the Greeners was away.

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MR. LIEBELER. You said before you were quite

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sure you never worked on a:- -

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MR. RYDER. The Italian gun.

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MR. LIEBELER. The Italian rifle. Do you have

any recollection of the kind of rifle that this Oswald

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tag referred to?

of two weeks?

No, sir, I dc. c. That's another

2 place where we did -- in other words, I did so many

3 and I was so rushed that I didn't pay, a whole lot of

attention to what tag was to have such and such a

scope put on, is where actually our fall-down went on

the thing.

There is no indication on the tag as to what kind of rifle it would be?

> MR. RYDER. No, sir.

MR. LIEBELER. Are you helped at all by the 11 fact that the tag indicates that three holes were drilled? Do you ordinarily drill three holes on all: rifles?

We boiled it down to this: MR. RYDER. there are two type bases used that have three, use the Red Field base, Buehler base and then, actually, these could go on any gun that you want. In other words, if a man bought a Red Field or Buehler base they can be adapted to any gun with three holes. Now any imported, we couldn't say definitely if it was imported because the Springfield 03A3 requires three holes; the British 303 requires three holes. These are guns they use and that's the only ones we could think of offhand that would require just three holes, so we boiled it down, it was either Buehler, Red Field base or with the Wes

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base being on the 03A3 for the Springfield
           MR. LIEBELER. Or the 303 British'rifle?
           MR. RYDER.
                       Yes.
         'MR. LIEBELER. You say you boiled this down in
     your conversation with Horton from the F.B.I.?
   MR. RYDER. Actually, this was amongst ourselves,
     I and Mr. Greener. Actually, there was a lady from the
  8 Washington Press, of course, I don't know, I forgotten
  9 which paper she worked with but she was with the Wash-
  10 ington Press and we discussed this with her quite
    thoroughly.
          MR. LIEBELER. Do you remember her name?
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          MR. RYDER. I sure don't. She, in turn, called'
 14 Klein's and found out the rifle that was used in the
 15 assassination had already been drilled and tapped.
 le other words, he had bought the scope and rifle from
 17 Klein's and they were shipped together and all he had
18 to do was attach it to this particular gun. In other
19 words, the one he used in the assassination.
   course, they order by serial number.
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         MR. LIEBELER. You also testified you did not
   mount any scope of an Italian rifle?
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        MR. RYDER.
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                         You say that when you mount a
   scope you do not charge for the process of bore siting
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is that col ct?
                      Actually, it's hard to say, really.
         MR. RYDER.
 3 At that time we were not charging if we drilled and
  tapped onc, we didn't do it. Now we do charge extra,
   $1.50 bore siting.
         MR. LIEBELER. Do you recall if there was an
   extra $1.50 for bore siting indicated on the ticket in
   question?
         MR. RYDER.
                      I don't even remember.
        MR. LIEBELER. Do you remember discussing that
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   point with Agent Horton?
         MR. RYDER. Yeah, we talked maybe we did charge
13 $1.50 for the bore sixting. As a matter of fact, I did
   because $6.00 -- or was it $4.50 -- I don't even rememt.
   ber that now.
         MR. LIEBELER. You don't now remember whether
   the ticket was for $4.50 or $6.00?
         MR. RYDER. That's right, right now, I don't.h
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         MR LIEBEDER NOW -
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        MR-RYDER, 4 It seems like to me it was for $4.50
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21 for drill, tapping and bore siting. I believe it was
  for $4.50. In other words, I didn't charge for bore
                       What do you do when you bore site
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    rifle?
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So, you can't really zero a gun; MR. LIEBELER. any by just bore sixting it?

No, actually, it lines your bore and MR. RYDER. your site at one point or close to one point where you 18 can get your point from there without wasting ammunition. If I were to anchor a barrel or piece of pipe 18 in a vise and pick out a spot over there on that building (indicating) somewhere; say, draw a circle and I line this with that and align the site, I have a scope or open site either one, over to that point, I go to shoot at it offhand and there's a different way I hold that gun. This breaks it down to a fine deal where you understand the difference between bore sifing and zero If you been in the army, you know the difference.

1 other word this method I was just rescribing, say, to the building, is the way we use the bore site. MR. LIEBELER. But now you have a little machine that does that? MR. RYDER. Yes, we have this little optical instrument we use now which makes it simple and faster, MR. LIEBELER. Have you ever worked with any rifles that came from Klein's in Chicago or mail order rifles that came with scopes mounted on it? MR. RYDER. You can't tell unless a man tells 10 you. In other words, to look at one you can't tell any difference in workmanship. MR. LIEBELER. As far as how the scope was 13 mounted, you mean? 15 MR. RYDER. Right. 16 MR. LIEBELER. Do you have any way of knowing 17 whether these scopes are bore sixted when mounted by a mail order house or not? MR. RYDER. Most likely they are. Now, I don't know how they operate, if they do bore site any there or not. I do know for a fact if you bore site or zero a bore site on a Redfield base or any base except 23 Bausch and Lomb, other than those, other than the 24 Bausch and Lomb, if you take the scope off and put it back on you have to re-zero. In other words, if they

did bore it and take it back off and ship it, it's going to be entirely different when the man receives the gun. It might be close enough for a man to shoot one in but won't-be near as close.

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MR. LIEBELER. You think that a rifle would have to be zeroed in any event after it had been shipped in from a mail order house before it com be used to shoot accurately?

MR. RYDER. Yes, take for example, I have a Model 70 Winchester 30-06 caliber with a K-4 Weaver ll scope; nearly every season prior to deer season I will 12 | shoot it in and I have found several times it has been off just by riding in the back of the car. Taking it 14 in and out of a gun case, things like that will make them off. In other words, they are not built so rigid that a little something here and there can get bumped loose so it would be like I say, he would have to have it zeroed after he received it from the mail order house, most definitely.

MR. LIEBELER. And if I were to tell you that this particular rifle had been carried to New Orleans and back in a station wagon and had laid in a garage in Irving for two months prior to the assassination and had been moved around in the garage, would that lead you to believe it might be out of site at that

MR. RYDER. Yes, it could be very possible.

MR. LIEBELER. Do you think it would be probable or do you have any experience to make a judgment like that?

Like I say, of course, I take proper good care of the gun I got and I have to readjust it 8 quite often when I shoot it in. Of course, then again, too, later on, from one season to the next I might 10 change from the way I held my gun which is another 11 thing to make a lot of difference in the way I shoot but one to be carried that far, unless it was really taken care of can very, very easily be knocked out of alignment or out of adjustment. Another thing, too, on just looking at this picture - -

MR. LIEBELER. The picture of the rifle?

MR. RYDER. The picture of the rifle that Mr. 18 Horton had; this was a real cheap, common, real flimsy 19 looking -- of course, I couldn't tell by just looking 20 | it the picture say the type of material it was made of, but to me it looked rather cheap. It would be very easily knocked out of adjustment.

MR. LIEBELER. You have never been shown the actual rifle itself, is that correct?

No, sir, I haven't. I would like to

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. 1 | see whi (mount it is, see whose ke it is, but I haven't seen it yet. MR. LIEBELER. Do you remember being interviewed by an agent of the Secret Service? They came out and talked to Mr. MR. RYDER. Greener tather than myself. Well, I talked with them, too; we had a triangular, circular conversation -- Mr. Greener, myself and the agent. . MR. LIEBELER. Do you remember the agent's name? MR. RYDER. No, sir. MR. LIEBELER. Would it refresh your recollection if I said his name was Elmer W. Moore? MR. RYDER. Doesn't ring a bell. 13 Do you remember telling the MR. LIEBELER. 14 Secret Service agent that you were certain after view-16 | ing photographs of Oswald that you had never done any work for him; in fact had never seen him? MR. RYDER. Not actually in that tone; like I 18 say, like I told all of them that interviewed me, even the reporter, that his features are very common, I say, for the working class in the Dallas and Fort Worth area and he could have been in the shop, sport shop, might ought to say, and be easily mistaken for another 23 person or another person similar to his features could have been in, but I couldn't say specific if he had

l been i he shop or not, I mean that's something I 2 won't draw a conclusion on because like I say his 5 features, face and all is common with the working class here and he could easily be mistaken one way or the other either for him or for another person.

MR. LIEBELER. Now, as far as outside of the shop is concerned, you see, I'm troubled to some extent because I have before me a report of the agent from the Secret Service and a report from the agent of the F.B.I. One report says you are quite sure you have se's and talked to Oswald and the other one says you are' quite sure you have not seen him. I am puzzled by those statements.

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MR. RYDER. Like I continue to say all the way through on their investigation, both that Secret Ser-16 vice man and from the F.B.I. that he could have been in the shop; I could have talked to him but to say I had definitely, I couldn't say I have really talked to him.

MR. LIEBELER. Could you say you definitely have ever seen him outside of the shop any place?

MR. RYDER. No, sir, I don't believe I have. mean I couldn't say specific because back again to the 24 | c ommon features, so on and so forth, but, actually, we have drawn a conclusion, of course, that is, I and the

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MR. RYDER. . Well, it's kind of funny, actually, how I found the tag. My work bench generally is 24 cluttered up, you know how tools get scattered around and I was -- I had been to the Eyinrude Service SchoolMR. RYDER. Yeah, at the Marriott over here and we were talking about it that evening and of course, by the time I got back from the service clinic was just about time to close and we left and that Saturday afternoon I started cleaning off the work bench and I found the ticket of which I didn't say anything to anybody else there and when Mr. Horton came out on Monday, well, then I told him we had a tag. I didn't want to keep anything back but after he showed me the picture and everything I apparently drew my conclusions of not working on that particular gun anyway.

MR. LIEBELER. How did Horton know to come out to the sports shop?

MR. RYDER. Actually, I don't know. He evidently was checking all of the --

MR. LIEBELER. Gun shops?

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MR. RYDER. Gun shops and hit us on Monday, well, let's see, it was, oh, it was about 10:30 or 11 that morning whenever he first came out.

MR. LIEBELER. You are not familiar with this particular kind of rifle, are you? You have not worked on any similar rifles?

MR. RYDER. Well, there's quite a few similar but this particular one is a real oddity. It's an

d I have never worked I have seen several. MR. LIEBELER. Have you ever broken them down? No, sir, never have. As a matter MR. RYDER. of fact, the only thing I can remember doing is just pulling the bolt back on it and closing it back up. That, to me, is common; I always make sure there's no 8 shells or anything before I look at one. That's the 9 first thing if you hand me a pistol, I kick the cylindlo er out or spin it through to make sure it's unloaded but this gun is real odd, I mean it's a crude built; 12 gun. 13 MR. LIEBELER. When a gun is broken down, by: that, I am sure you understand that I mean you remove 15 the action and the barrel from the stock. then is, generally speaking, in two shorter pieces. - | 17 MR. RYDER. Right. MR. LIEBELER. The two pieces you have are 18 19 shorter than the gun is when put together? . 20 MR. RYDER. Right. 21 MR. LIEBELER. And that is generally true be-22 cause the stock of the rifle doesn't ordinarily extend 23 to the end of the barrel?

MR. RYDER. Right, now on some military rifles they do extend all the way to the end of the barrel or

close te he end, put if that wa MR. LIEBELER. Did you note in connection with the picture that you observed of this rifle they found in the Texas School Book Depository Building, did you note whether or not on that rifle whether the stock went very close to the end of the barrel or didn't come out so far? As far as I remember it had been cut off, or, in other words, it didn't go to the end of the barrel, as far as I remember, I don't. I am quite sure it didn't. It went a little over half way in the 12 picture that I saw. 13 MR. LIEBELER. You mentioned that sometimes in the military rifles the stock goes quite far along the barrel? . 16 MR. RYDER. Right. 17 MR. LIEBELER. Is that not a common type of 18 construction in a domestic rifle or non-military 19 rifle? - 20 Right, or non-military or what we MR. RYDER. 21 call a sporter rifle your stock goes half way to the 22 end of the barrel leaving the end of the barrel to

MR. RYDER. Right, or non-military or what we call a sporter rifle your stock goes half way to the end of the barrel leaving the end of the barrel to wiggle as it may. A military rifle, M-1, Grand, 03A3, 303, they all of wood and completely encased around the barrel. In other words, you had a piece

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run all' he way on the bottom of _t, piece that filled in on the top side. Lot of people use military rifles or use sporter rifles that some cut the stock off at a slight angle, say, a-little above half way of the barrel. Others go ahead and spend and buy the sporter-type stock they can fit their gun to, but as far as I remember, this stock on the picture didn't go all the way to the end of the barrel.

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MR. LIEBELER. Unless you can think of anything else that you want to add at this point I just tell you for the record that my present inclination is to close the deposition at this point and I may possibly wish to question you again and possibly bring the rifle down here so you can look at it. Unless you can think of anything else you want to add at this time you might think is helpful, we will terminate at this time. Can you think of anything else?

MR. RYDER. No, I can't think of anything right now.

MR. LIEBELER. I want to ask one or two more questions. You mentioned you were interviewed by the Dallas police force for this. Do you remember the name of the man or men who talked to you on the Dallas police force?

MR. RYDER. No, sir, I don't. Actually -- I

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say Dal s Police Department, it was the Sheriff's Department rather than the Dallas Police Department, really. Of course, I connect the two together but they're two separate organizations; I know that. MR. LIEBELER. In view of my former statement, I would like to thank you at this time, and if we decide to continue with this, we will advise you in the (End of proceedings) DIAL DUWAYNE RYDER 15

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LILLIAN Z. JEHNEDA

TEXAS] STATE COUNTY OF DALLAS] I, Lillian Z. Johnson, a notary public in and for Dallas County, Texas, do hereby certify that the facts as stated by me in the caption hereto are true; That the foregoing answers in response to the interrogatories as indicated were made before me by DIAL DUWAYNE RYDER, the witness hereinbefore named, after said witness had been first duly cautioned and 10 sworn to testify the truth, the whole truth, and 12 nothing but the truth, and were thereafter reduced to 13 writing by me and under my supervision; and 14 I further certify the above and foregoing deposi-15 tion as set forth in typewriting is a full, true, 16 correct and complete transcript of the proceedings . 17 had at the time of taking this said deposition. 18 Given under my hand and seal of office on this 19 the 30th day of March, A.D. 1964. . 20 21 Notary Public Dallas County, Texas 22 My commission expires June 1, 1965.

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MR. LIEBELER: This is the continued deposition of Dial Duwayne Ryder; and the witnes having been previously sworn, we will continue with the examination.

First of all, Mr. Ryder, I want to show you a picture that has been marked Exhibit 1, on Mr. Greener's deposition and ask you if that is a picture of the repair tag that you found here in the shop?

MR. RYDER: Yes, that is the one right there.

MR. LIEBELER: It has the name Oswald on it and the drill and tap \$4.50; the bore sight, \$1.50; and total \$6.00?

MR. RYDER: That is the one we was thinking about the other day, did it have the \$6.00 tag or the \$4.50 tag, because we sometimes charge for the bore sight and sometimes don't, depending on the type work we do or what we actually do on the thing.

MR. LIEBELER: Do you remember the exact details under which you found the tag in the shop?

MR. RYDER: Well, we talked about this thing on Saturday morning and like I said before, like you saw the workbench up there today, that it is cluttered up, and on Saturday evening I was cleaning it off and found the tag laying back on the workbench.

MR. LIEBELER: The Saturcay following the

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MR. RYDER: Yes.

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MR. RYDER: Yes.

MR. LIEBELER:

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MR. LIEBELER:, Had the FBI been out here prior

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MR. RYDER: No.

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MR. LIEBELER: They had not? '-

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MR. RYDER: No, sir.

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MR. LIEBELER: When did the FBI first come out?

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MR. RYDER: On Monday.

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MR. LIEBELER: On Monday?

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MR. RYDER: Yes. That was on Monday, of the

funeral of the late President.

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MR. LIEBELER: That would have been November

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them the tag or showed them this tag, is that right?

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MR. RYDER: He told us to hold onto it, and then they later came by and got the tag.

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MR. LIEBELER: Did you ever talk to the newspape

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MR. RYDER: There were several out here before the FBI had been out, and we told them the same thing

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MR. LIEBELER: But you didn't talk to any

had. Evidently that is a reprint, but there is two screws, one here and one here, where on the tag. I have charged for three holes.

MR. LIEBELER: You are indicating the screws on Exhibit 3, that hold the scope mount to the rifle, is that correct?

MR. RYDER: Mr. Horton, the FBI man, on the rifle he had it was real plain and you could see these two screws, and this was a hole, but there wasn't any screws. There was just two screws in the mount.

MR. LIEBELER: The mount had three holes but only two screws?

MR. RYDER: That is apparently in the picture you have here, and this is what I was referring to as a cheap mount. This looked to me like even in this picture it was real thin gauge metal. I can show you something like that, that we use on a .22 scope, and that is all we use.

MR. LIEBELER: But in your opinion it is too light a mount?

MR. RYDER Yes. It is too easy to get jarred off on a high-powered rifle.

MR. LIEBELER: That would throw the accuracy of the rifle off, wouldn't it?

MR. RYDER: Yes.

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MR. LIEBELER: That is all I have, Mr. Ryder.

I just wanted you to look at the pictures, and I
thank you very much.

MR. RYDER: I don't know which one it was,

but it looked -- it looks like a copy, of the one the
FBI man had, except it's been copied over and over.

This is not as plain as the one he had.

MR. LIEBELER: Let me ask you if the FBI or any-body that ever talked to you ever showed you any pictures of the man and asked you if you could identify that man as Oswald?

MR. RYDER: He showed me a picture of Oswald, but like I told him, I couldn't say definitely if I knew him or not.

MR. LIEBELER: Let me show you some other picture that we have. The first five pictures have previously been marked 451 and 453 through 456, and I will ask you if you can recognize the man or men described in these pictures, or have you ever seen them anywhere, as far as you can recall?

And second, if you have ever seen him in the shop?

MR. RYDER: No. They don't look like, too familiar to me.

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MR. LIEBELER: Do they appear to be pictures of

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the same man to you, or a different man?

MR. RYDER: They look actually to me like they are different men. These two look real close.

MR. LIEBELER: Referring to 456 and 451?

MR. RYDER: Yes. They look real similar in their hairline. Actually, I guess this looks about the same, too.

MR. LIEBELER: Referring to 455. But the other two pictures look a little different?

MR. RYDER: Yes.

MR. LIEBELER: The other two being 453 and 454?

Now I show you a picture that has been marked previously as Pizzel-s, 453-A, and ask you to look at all the individuals in that picture and tell me if you recognize any of them.

There are two individuals that have been marked by a green mark, but don't confine your attention to those, Z. Marx.

MR. RYDER: This one I know is Oswald, as the pictures in the paper, but as far as seeing the guy personally, I don't think I ever have. I could have, but being business here, it would be hard to say. Any of the others, I don't believe I have seen any of the others, but this one, like I say, just by picture --

MR, LIEBELER: You are referring to the man that

like and kind of put a name with a face.

There are several people that come in here that have been coming in for several years, but I can't make this old ticker work up there as to their names.

MR. LIEBELER: So you aren't able to say whether this man was in the shop?

MR. RYDER: He may have or may not have been. I couldn't say for sure.

MR. LIEBELER: All right, thank you, Mr. Ryder. We appreciate your cooperation, and the Commission wants to thank you very much for the cooperation that you have given us.

MR. RYDER:

(END OF PROCEEDINGS)

DIAL DUWAYNE RYDER

REPORT ON OFFICER'S DUTIES IN REGARDS TO THE PRESIDENT'S NURDER

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On Friday, November 22, 1963, Detectives Senkel and Turner reported to work at 9:00 M. We were supposed to work with Chief Lumpkin and ride in his car to work the President's trip to Dallas. We got with Chief Lumpkin in the basement of the City Hall at approximately 9:45 M. Chief Lumpkin had a U. S. Army Kajor with him that would ride in the car with us. All four of us drove to Love Pield in Chief Lumpkin's car. The chief was driving. We drove to Love Field and to the area where the President would arrive. A Secret Service man mot us at Love Field. He rode in Chief Lumpkin's care ... with us out in front of the motorcade. We stayed in this area until the President arrived at approximately 11:10 AM. We were to be the pilot car: in this motorcade, After all the planes were on the ground, we drove to the outer gate at the parking lot near Cedar Springs and awaited word from Chicf Curry in his car when they were about to pull out in the motorcade. We wore on Channel 2 and were telking car-to-car as were all units involved in working the motorcade route. At approximately 11:50 AM, we received word from Chief Curry that they were ready to leave. We traveled the motorcade route and drove approximately 1 milesin front of the motorcade. We kept track of the location and speed of the motorcade by radio contact with Chief Curry. We were checking for any obstruction, or circumstance, that might impode the motorcede. The first time I saw the motorcede was after it turned on Main Street. I could see the rod lights on the vohicles in the motorcade. When they turned on Mein off Herwood, we were at approximately Main and Oriffin. then we turned on Bouston off Main, the motorcade was at approximately Kain

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and Almrd. We turned on Elm and then ento the Stermens Expressusy. I do not recall noticing anyone in the windows of the Texas School Book Depository Fullding as we went by it. We drove on out Stemmons and were near Osk Lawn when we heard on the Police radio, "Tell Parkland to stand by". . Then we heard Dallas one, which would be Sheriff Decker get on the radio and notify our dispatcher to notify all of his personnel to get over by the overpass on Elm Street and seal off the area until investigators could get there. Someone got back on the radio and said, "Notify Parkland to stand by. I think he had been hit. We were on the service reed of Stermons, noar Oak Laun when the President's car came by us on the way to Parkland. We followed the car to Parkland and helped with the situation until they got them carried into the hospital. I nover did go in the hospital. In a couple of minutes Crief Lumpkin, Det. Senkel, the Army Major, and I proceeded to the location of the offense at Elm and Houston, arriving at approximately 12:50 PM. Chief Lumpkin advised to search a catoose of a freight car that was parked just behind the Lone Ster School Book Depository Building. I looked through this car, apparently Chief Lumpkin and Senkel had gone in the building. I went in the first floor of the building." I talked shortly with a Mr. O. W. Campbell, the man in charge, and with 72.X4-R. S. YTruly, warehouse superintendent, and with a Joe Melina who worked thore. They were all of the opinion that the whots came from west of their building. They said they heard 3 shots at approximately 10-second intervals. Allen Sweat of the Sheriff's office came up and stated they had just sent a witness over to the Sheriff's office who might be able to give a description of the suspect. I went over to the Sheriff's office, where they had several witnesses in the Sheriff's office. Deputy Lum Lewis and

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Tra Trantham of the Burglary and Theft Burea, Dallas Police Department, were interviewing the witnesses. Mr. Forrels of the Secret Service was also talking with those witnesses. Affidavits were taken from these witnesses by various secretaries and court reporters from 126 County. I talked to the Sollowing listed witnessess Cherles 36 Brehn, w/m, 1619 Kings Righway, Dallas WH 2-6893. He did not see suspect, or know where shots came from, was with TEXahis kid standing on Elm, west of Mouston, saw something happen to the President. Also talked to Arnold Louis Howland, w/m, and Barbara Walker Rouland, w/f, both of 3026 Hammerly. Have affidavits from them. Also interviewed Renald B. Fischer, w/m/, LOO7 Flamingo Drive, Mesquite, BR 9-0950, and. Robert E. Edwards, w/m, 821 South Nursery, Irving. We have efficavits from them. On Monday, November 25, 1963, Detective Potts and I took a mug shot of Oswald and showed it to witness Fischer. He states he could not say dofinitely, but the photo of Oswald looked like the man he saw in the window less than a minute before the President's car arrived. I also interviewed at the Meriff's office, John Arthur/Chism, c/m, and Marvin Faye-Chism, c/f, of 1502 Underwood. We have affidavits from them, also Jean/Newman w/f, 3931____ . Clover Lane, FL 2-4222, have affidavit from her, also Julia Ann Mercer, W/f, 5200 Belmont, Apt. 208, We have affidavit from hor. While at the Sheriff's Ucellino IIIX4 office, I heard about Officer. J. D. Tippit getting shot. Deputy Walthers told me some of the details. Shoriff Decker told me about them having Oswald arrested for shooting Tippit, and said Capt. Fritz had notified him that the suspect also worked at the Texas School Book Depository. I went over across the street to the building, hunting my partner, Detective Senkel. I went through the building and couldn't find him. It. Kaminski of the Special Service Bureau turned over a coat to me that had been turned in to

him by a James Clark La Rue. He found this coat on Industrial. As of this time, it has no part in the case. It was placed in the Property Room by me in Mr. La Ruo's name as found property. I went back to the Sheriff's and : ; called Lt. Wells at our office. Fe advised me to come to the office. I caught a ride to the affice with an accident investigator. Upon arriving at the office, Lt. Baker was hunting a Justice of the Peace to get a search warrant. I told him of seeing Judge Davo Johnson at the Sheriff's office. Ho sent me, along with Detective H. M. Moore to get the warrant and go to 1026 North Beckley where Oswald had a room rented in another name. I think the name was 0. H. Lee. We went to the Sheriff's office, where we picked up Judge Neve Johnson and Assistant District Attorney, Bill Alexander. Judge Johnson gave me the Search Warrant #295, which he had made out. All four of us drove to 1026 North Peckley, arriving at approximately 4:45 to 5:00 PM; where we met Detectives Senkel and Potts and Lt. Cunningham. They were alroady at the location. We recovered the following listed proporty at this location on the warrant and brought it to the station, Room 317. Among the property recovered was a City of Dallas map that was marked at several locstions, among them being the corner of Elm and Houston, a leather gun holster, numerous letters with Lee Harvoy Oswald's name on them, several books, and pomphlets, and personal popers. (See attached list for complete list) Later in the evening on November 22, 1963, I took an affidavit from Linnie Kae Toyle Pandle, w/s/30. She is the sister of the boy Oswald rode to work with and one him carry the package and place it in the car on Friday morning, November 22, 1963. On or about November 23, 1963, I received information by telophone from an unknown caller who stated the December, 1963 issue of "Ouns and Armunition" has an exact picture of the gun like found at the scone, complete with

scope. States this ad states that a mail order bouse, Mein's Sporting Goods.

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Det. 187, 22 West Washington Street, Chicago 6, Illinois. This information was passed on to Capt. Fritz, who stated he already had that information.

On Eunday, Movember 21, 1963, I heard about the incident in the City Hall basement shortly after noon. I came on to the City Rall. I talked to It. Smart and It. Swain and helped them go through property they had? Accovered from Jack Ruby s car. We made a complete list of this property. which has been typed up. Then Lt. Swain, Senkel, and I placed it in the Property Room. On Sunday hight, November 24, 1963, a Ray Wohn of Channel 8 News called this office stating that he had an anonymous phone call that Texas stated they thought Oswald had the rifle sighted in on Thursday, November 21, 1963, at a gum shop at 211 or 212 Irving Doulevard. We checked and found an Irving Sport Shop at 221 East Irving Boulevard, BL 3-5309. A Woodrow Creener. PL 2-81/92, owns this shop and has a man named Dial D. Ryder, 2028 Hervard, TEXUS Irving, PL 3-4876, working for him. He states that he and Ryder have talked about this and have seen photos of Oswald and photos of the gun in the paper and noither can remember doing any work for this man, or any work on this gun. He will check his files for names and call back if he finds anything. He states that another reason that both of them think that they never worked on this gun is that in the photothe screws that hold the clamp that holds the score on the rifle look like they are on top of the gun, and he thinks that neither of thom ever saw a.gun with a scope mounted with these screws on top.

On November 28, 1963, I talked to Mr. Oreoner again. He states that they found a work ticket back in the rear of the shop. This ticket has no date on it, but the best they can figure out this work probably came in November has

to wormher 8, 1963. This ticket has the name Oswald on it and *Drill and Tap*, fl. 50 and Bore Fighting \$1.50. He states that neither he nor Ryder em semember the face, or doing any work for this man. From the photo of the gum they still think that they did not work on the gun; however, he states that they will be glad to look at the rifle and see if they can recognize their work on it. The handwriting on the ticket is Kr. Ryder's. He states that they will check their cash register impessand see if they can determine about when the rifle was picked up and when it was paid for.

Ye contacted Mr. Greener at his house in regards to picking up the work ticket that had been written up in the name of Oswald, Drill & Tap \$1.50 and Bore Sighting, \$1.50. Mr. Greener states that he has orders from a Mr. Horton of the F. B. I. to hold on to this ticket and not let it out. This ticket was written up in pencil by Mr. Ryder who works for Mr. Greener. This was Monday, Movember 25, when Mr. Horton of the F. B. I. first contacted them.

This phrase "drill and tap" as used by a gum smith mount to drill a hole and using a tap to put threads in to attach a score mount. They charge \$1.50 a hole to hore these holes, this would mean that the mount on this scope would have three screws in it. The phrase "bore sights" means to attach a spud to the barrol of the rifle and them using a sight align tool they will attach this epud to this tool and align the cross hairs. Mr. Greener states that most mounting for scopes have to use h screws, states there are only two or three, the Springfield OJAM and the British 303 that use 3 screws in the mount. Fe states that they do not sell the ammunition that would fit the 6.5 calibre Italian gum. He is going to check his cash register tapes tomorrow and see if he can determine when approximately this order was picked up by the \$6.00 service charge that would have been paid. Mr. Greener's home address is 2015 Rosebud Drive,

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We talked to Kr. Diel D. Rydor, 2028 Hervard, RL 3-1876. He states that ... he wrote the work ticket up with the name Oswald on it. We showed him a now mug shot of Oswald, and he states that he cannot identify the man as the one who left a rifle with him. He is going to check and see if he can find out temorrow what day he did all of his business in pencil, as he usually writes with a pan, but does remember one day in the past when he used a pencil, and this tag was written in pencil. States that he can check because be remembers picking up some orders in Dallas on that day and will check this out tomorrow. He states that he will be glad to look at the rille and see if he can remember working on it, but from the photos he has seen of it, he does not think that he has worked on it. He thinks from the photos he has seen of it, the scope states mounting only has 2 screws in it, and ho/that he charged for 3 on this ticket. Also states that he thinks that he would remarker a cheap scope like this and would have tried to sell the man another one and would remember this. He states that they do not soll ammunition that would fit a 6.5 calibre gun, but that he has found out that R. L. Green's does.

On November 25, 1963, we took a picture of Harvey Lee Oswald, DPD #5hol8 and showed it to witness Ronald Pischer, w/m/2h, h007 Flamingo Way, Mesquite, Texas, PR 9-0950. His business address is County Auditor's Office. An affidavit was taken from him at the Sheriff's office. He states the photo of Oswald looks like the man he saw at the window where the shots were fired from. States he saw this man if the window a minute or loss before the motorcade arrived. He could not say definitely this was the man, but said that it looked like the man.