

Second Rifle Deepens Mystery Over Oswald

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DALLAS, Dec. 7—Information gathered today indicates the possibility that Lee Harvey Oswald had a rifle mounted with a telescopic scope near here, but that this was not the rifle with which President Kennedy was assassinated.

It was disclosed yesterday that Oswald's Italian rifle came from Chicago with a scope ready for mounting.

But a gunsmith in suburban

Irving says that one of his service tickets, undated and cryptic, tells him that he mounted a scope for someone named "Oswald" on a gun that could only have been a .303 British Enfield or an GSA3 Springfield, a former U.S. Army weapon. President Kennedy was shot with an Italian rifle.

Identity Uncertain

The only Oswald in Irving other than Lee Oswald has been checked and did not have the work done. But the gunsmith does business with many persons from out of town.

"This could have been another gun of his or another Oswald with a gun," says Dall Ryder, service manager of the sports shop. "It is very well possible, but we can't place it. There's no recollection of the guy being in the store."

Lee Oswald was also reported inquiring in a second-hand furniture store near the sports shop about gun work.

Edith Whitworth, who works at this store, said that Oswald came in early last November and asked her "something pertaining to a gun," but that the work could not be done for him there. She said she referred him to the sports shop a block away, where Ryder works.

Mrs. Whitworth said that a woman carrying a new baby girl then came in and Mrs. Whitworth showed them furniture Oswald said they would need soon.

Sure It Was Oswald

The infant had been born two weeks before, Mrs. Whitworth said she was told. The Oswalds' second child was born Oct. 30.

"It was definitely him," Mrs. Whitworth said.

This information could suggest that early in November

Oswald was having a second rifle prepared for pin-point firing.

[The Associated Press reported that the owner of a public gun range said today the FBI had taken pounds of empty shells in an attempt to confirm that Oswald had practiced shooting there as recently as five days before the assassination of President Kennedy.]

[Floyd Davis, owner of the Sportsdrome Gun Range near Grand Prairie, said neither he nor his wife, Virginia, had ever seen Oswald at the range. "But there were three different people here at three different times who told us about seeing Oswald," Davis said.]

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