

TRANSLATION FROM FRENCH

OSWALD - A CURIOUS TRANSACTION

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Proofs of Lee H. Oswald's guilt have never been lacking in the investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy by the American press. But there is one too many.

"Life Magazine," in its issue of February 21, 1964, published on its cover a photo of Oswald with the caption: "Lee Oswald with weapons which he used in the murders of President Kennedy and policeman Tippit."

The photo shows Oswald in his garden. According to "Life," he "proudly holds 'The Militant,' a Trotskyite newspaper, in one hand and, in the other, the rifle from which he fired upon President Kennedy. The Dallas police confirmed that this was the rifle found at the book depository. On Oswald's hip is a revolver which killed policeman J. D. Tippit of Dallas."

The same photo was reproduced later by the "Paris-Match" in its issue of February 29, this time with a caption which indicated that this was "the end of the mystery of Kennedy's death," a conclusion which seemed a little premature.

"Life" bought this extraordinary document from a certain James Martin. According to information furnished by "Life," the photo was taken by Mrs. Oswald herself, in the Spring of 1963. Who was Mr. James Martin? - an adviser of Mrs. Oswald and, it seems, a former Agent of the FBI.

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Stupefying

Simultaneously, another newspaper, the "Detroit Free Press," purchased from another seller (still unidentified) a photo of Oswald carrying "the weapons of crime." This photo was subsequently published by the weekly, "Newsweek," which noted in its issue of March 2, that this was "the same photo" as the one in "Life."

Oswald's mother asserted that the photo was doctored. "Newsweek" called this remark "stupefying."

Now, it just became evident to a meticulous observer that on the "Life" photo, Oswald's rifle is equipped with a telescopic sight, while on the photo reproduced by "Newsweek," it is not.

Which then is the right photo? "L'Express" asked this question of Paris representatives of "Life" and "Newsweek." "Life" cabled to its office in the United States and gave us the official answer: "No comment." "Newsweek" is waiting for a reply.

One or the other, or both American magazines have been, it seems, victims of a curious transaction, to say the least.

Captions of two photos of Oswald holding the rifle:

- (1) "Without a telescopic sight."
- (2) "With a telescopic sight."

"The same photo?"

(In bold print on the left of the large photo):

"The same photo was sold to 'Life,' but the rifle has a telescopic sight."