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I, Marguerite C. Oswald, 4029 Byers, Fort Worth, Texas, am in the New Orleans Office of the FBI making a statement that I have in my possession proof of an error that was carried from the very beginning and I now give details of such proof.

Approximately six months ago I was given information of a very serious error and I now have the error in my possession. When we found the error we realized that we had to prove said error, so at great expense and great research, we have now what we consider proof of the error.

When I say "we", I am speaking of myself and the American people who are interested in the case.

It has been documented that A. J. Hidell, also known as Lee Harvey Oswald, filled out a Klein's Sporting Goods coupon, Department 358, and sent in for the gun, now in possession of the Government, claiming to be the gun that killed President Kennedy.

The error started with Postal Inspector Harry Holmes, whose testimony is in Volume 7, page 294, of the Hearings Before the President's Commission. He had his secretary go out the day of the assassination and pick up a gun magazine to see if he could locate an advertisement of the gun used in the assassination, which he did, and he testified to that fact. The magazine was Field and Stream of November, 1963.

That magazine is Department 486 and shows a 6.5 Italian carbine, 40 inch overall, weighs seven pounds, the exact gun that is documented as the gun used to kill President Kennedy.

This is the error I wish to bring to your attention.

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Department 358, which Lee Harvey Oswald filled out on his envelope addressed to 358, as proof of documentary evidence, shows a 6.5 Italian carbine, only 36 inches overall, weighing five and one-half pounds.

I do not at this time know how I can go any further to prove what I am saying but I have in my possession hundreds of back magazines to prove this error and also can prove that Holmes' mistake, under Department 486, the 40 inch gun, was an error because that gun was not advertised, *at the time of purchase of gun by Hidell for me ad 358.*

A study of Klein's advertisements shows that the longer, heavier model was not advertised until April, 1963, and that Department number in the ad is 405.

No where in any of the twenty-six volumes, exhibits and testimony does the complete ad of Klein's Department Number 358 that A. J. Hidell was supposed to have ordered the gun, appear.

The only time it appeared was in the August 27, 1965, issue of Life magazine when the reporter, Mr. Keith Wheeler, for the first time published the correct ad of Klein's Department 358 for the gun. This issue of Life magazine for the first time described the 6.5 Italian 36 inch gun advertised by Department 358, and this is when we caught the error. I would like to state to my knowledge, much investigative work, all newspapers, magazines, AP, UPI stories, carried Inspector Holmes' error.

I think as an American citizen, and as the mother of the man accused of this crime, that I should be given some satisfaction because as far as I know, we found an error as above specified and we have proof of the error.

I sincerely hope that you will honor my request.

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