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The following information is set forth in connection with a request of Mr. W.J. Liebler of the President's Commission, with respect to the determination as to when the interview with Mr. Dial D. Rydor, Irving Sport Shop, Irving, Texas, occurred with relation to publicity concerning Ryder having a repair ticket for an individual by the name of Oswald.

On November 23, 1963, Mr. Dial D. Rydor, 2028 Harvard, Irving, Texas, employed as service manager, Irving Sport Shop, Irving, Texas, viewed a photograph of the gun used to assassinate President Kennedy, after which he stated he did not sell the mount on that gun as that is not the type of mount handled by the Irving Sport Shop and he did not recall the gun.

Mr. Ryder located Irving Sport Shop repair tag number 18274, which is undated and contains the name "Oswald" as the owner of the gun being repaired. The tag reflects the work as being "drill and tap \$4.50" and "bore sight \$1.50" for a total of \$6.00. The tag contains no additional information, is prepared in pencil, is not dated and Mr. Ryder stated this is the only record in existence of this transaction. Ryder said the tag was prepared by himself. He pointed out that as there is no record of sale of mounts or other items this would reflect that customer Oswald brought in the gun, scope and mounts with only work being performed which was drill and tap and bore sight. Mr. Ryder stated that the work for Oswald was performed between November 1 and 14, 1963, and the only other person employed in the store during that period was Carol Berry, a clerk who resided at 2302 Druid Drive, Irving, Texas.

Mr. Ryder stated he has no recollection of mounting a side mount of the type on the gun used to assassinate President Kennedy but pointed out that during the past few weeks he had attached a tremendous number of scopes; therefore, it is possible he did mount this scope and does not have any recollection of it at this time.

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Mr. Ryder viewed a photograph of Lee Harvey Oswald, taken August 9, 1963, after which he stated that he cannot be positive that Oswald has been a customer in the Irving Sport Shop but is quite sure that he has seen and/or talked to Oswald probably in the store. He stated he associates Oswald's picture with that of an individual who brought in an Argentine made rifle about two weeks ago and he, Ryder, attached a scope on that gun. He pointed out that an Argentine rifle of the type he has in mind has a different bolt assembly than does the gun used to assassinate President KENNEDY; therefore, he cannot be definitely sure that the person he has in mind is identical with Lee Harvey Oswald.

The results of this interview are reflected on page 27 of the report of Special Agent Robert P. Cemberling, at Dallas, dated November 30, 1963.

A review of newspaper clippings pertaining to the assassination of President Kennedy reflects that the "Dallas Times Herald" issue of November 28, 1963, carried an article captioned "Oswald's gunsight mounted in Irving", which newspaper article indicates that Dial D. Ryder had told a newspaper reporter information similar to that reflected in his interview above.

On December 18, 1963, Mr. Dial D. Ryder was again interviewed. Mr. Ryder stated he has Irving Sport Shop Repair Tag No. 18374 which is undated and contains the name "Oswald" as owner of the gun to be repaired under that particular repair tag. He stated he has no specific recollection as to the customer whose gun was repaired under that particular repair ticket and cannot state that the customer was or was not Lee Harvey Oswald and said he cannot be positive Oswald has been a customer in the sport shop but is quite sure that he has seen and/or talked to Oswald probably in the store. He said repair ticket number 18374 was utilized sometime between November 1 and November 14, 1963, but he has no recollection of the customer being accompanied by a woman and two small children. He said he does not associate the customer with any automobile as he is usually in the workshop that is located in the rear of the store; therefore, he seldom sees the customers arrive and depart. He said he cannot recall the individual whom he believes was Oswald driving any type of car and does not associate him in any way with a blue and white 1956 or 1957 Ford or Plymouth.

The results of this interview are reflected on page 28 of the report of Special Agent Robert P. Cemberling, at Dallas, dated December 23, 1963.