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The following investigation was conducted on May 18, 1964, at Dallas, Texas, by SA's EUGENE F. PETRAKIS and A. RAYMOND SWITZER:

KENNETH SMART, City Editor, 4th Floor, "Dallas Times Herald", Herald Square, Dallas, Texas, was exhibited a clipping taken from the "Dallas Times Herald" edition of November 28, 1963, captioned "OSWALD GUN SIGHT MOUNTED IN IRVING". SMART advised, upon perusal of this article, that on Thursday, November 28, 1963, he was at home as a result of a virus infection and, therefore, did not read the rewrite on this article which was routed over the City Editor's desk. SMART advised the reporting and rewrite of this article could have been handled by the following reporters:

GEORGE CARTER, police reporter, attached to the Dallas Police Department and Dallas County Sheriff's Office every day except Thursday and Sunday;

DARWIN PAYNE, alternate police reporter who handles Police Department and Sheriff's Office on Thursday and in the absence of CARTER;

BEN STEVENS, rewrite desk, who may have handled the rewrite of this article. STEVENS presently is on vacation;

JAMES LEHRER, city reporter;

HUNTER SCHMIDT, JR., county reporter, who handles all outlying areas on a roving reporter basis, including Irving, Texas.

The above-noted article was exhibited to GEORGE CARTER, DARWIN PAYNE and JAMES LEHRER, and all advised they did not write this article and could not recall anything else concerning it. JAMES LEHRER, however, stated he recalled this matter had been handled by HUNTER SCHMIDT, JR., and that SCHMIDT had written the article upon receipt of information which he believed was based upon an anonymous tip.

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