

On November 29, 1963, the FBI Laboratory telephonically advised that an examination had been made of the revolver taken from OSWALD at the time of his arrest. This gun was a Smith & Wesson .38/200 British Service Revolver, bearing serial number V510210 and the assembly number was 65248.

The gun was originally chambered for a .38 Smith & Wesson cartridge. In addition, the gun has been sent back to England by Smith & Wesson. This conclusion is on the basis of the Birmingham-England proof mark on the gun.

The FBI Laboratory advised that the following alterations have been made on the gun:

1. The barrel has been cut off up to the first "S" in Wesson. This makes the barrel a total of 2½" at the present time.
2. The gun has been re-chambered to a .38 Special.
3. The converter has stamped on left side of the frame Caliber .38 Special.
4. The swivel hole in the butt of the gun has been filled.
5. A different set of grips other than the original grips are on the gun at the present time. These grips are the same type as the original, however the present grips have No. 74149.
6. It is probable the gun has been re-blued but it is not possible to determine.
7. The gun has been checked completely and all numbers check as the original numbers on the gun with the exception of the numbers on the grips.
8. There is nothing unusual about this type of gun as it was produced by Smith & Wesson during World War II for the English. After World War II this gun was declared surplus and numerous guns of this type have been coming back into the United States. This gun is the old style without the bar safety.

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