

MR. ADRIAN ALBA, 624 Focis Street, Metairie, Louisiana, who operates the Crescent City Garage, 618 Magazine Street, New Orleans, advised that he now recalls an additional conversation he had with LEE H. OSWALD who was formerly employed at William B. Reilly and Company, Inc. Coffee Plant next door to his garage. He explained that being a gun collector, he, ALBA, had one of his rifles at the garage office, cleaning it, and OSWALD saw it. He was interested in the gun and during conversation concerning it spoke about and discussed the merits of small caliber and larger caliber bullets. He recalled that OSWALD mentioned that a smaller caliber bullet was more deadly than a larger one, to which point ALBA agreed.

MR. ALBA stated that in the several conversations he had with OSWALD concerning firearms, OSWALD was only interested in rifles. He explained that OSWALD never spoke of pistols or other guns but on one occasion commented that the carbine was indeed the finest of all rifles. He believed that OSWALD preferred the carbine over any gun made, although he did show interest in other type rifles such as a Japanese rifle ALBA had at his office on one occasion cleaning it.

MR. ALBA expressed the opinion that OSWALD would necessarily have had a great deal of practice in firing a rifle with a scope sight to have been able to "get off as many shots" as he did during the assassination of President KENNEDY at Dallas, Texas. He further explained that having had experience in shooting rifles with scope sights he knows that it takes a period of time for one to adjust his eyesight to the image at which he is firing after each shot. He added that this is not as easy as an open sight and that a bolt action rifle would add to the time necessarily consumed in firing such a rifle. He therefore believed that OSWALD had much practice in firing a gun of this type.

MR. ALBA advised, however, that he knew of no rifle practice which OSWALD had engaged in while in New Orleans, adding that from his conversation with OSWALD he did not believe that OSWALD belonged to any of the local gun clubs. He added that it would have been almost impossible for OSWALD to practice with a rifle around New Orleans unless he belonged to a gun club.

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The seven gun magazines furnished by Mr. ADRIAN T. ALBA, Operator of the Crescent City Garage, 618 Magazine Street, as being the magazine possibly read by LEE H. OSWALD, were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory on November 23, 1963. These were forwarded with other material to be examined for any latent fingerprints of OSWALD and for examination as to indented writing. The Laboratory was also requested to compare the
→ portion of page 59 where an order blank had been torn from an advertisement of "Klein's", a sporting goods company in Chicago, Illinois, an order blank believed to have been mailed by suspect OSWALD to this company.

*Jonathan McDonald
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