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7 July 1965

Mr. Melvin Eisenberg
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New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Eisenberg,

Here is the photocopy of Klein's full-page ad from the February 1963 American Rifleman magazine. You will see that the mail-order coupon at the bottom bears the address "Dept. 358," which identifies the publication in which the ad appears and which corresponds with the actual mail-order from "Hidell" (CE 773). The mail-order from Hidell (you know, of course, that there is a real "Hidell"; I forgot to mention that when we spoke the other night) requests the G20-T750 rifle with telescopic sight. That catalogue number G20-T750 refers to the 36-inch, 5-1/2 pound Carcano offered in the enclosed ad. The same catalogue number without the T refers to the 40.2-inch 8-pound model (see Klein's full-page ad from Field and Stream November 1963 in Holmes Deposition Exhibit).

One is naturally inclined to assume that the Klein's employee who filled the order from "Hidell" carelessly shipped a slightly longer rifle than the customer had specified. The price of the rifle with scope mounted is exactly the same for both models (there is a ten-cent difference if the rifle is purchased without the scope). One might also assume that "Hidell" did not notice the disparity of 4.2 inches in the rifle he received, or that he was satisfied with the longer rifle (although Alba's testimony in LOH ~~219~~ et seq suggests that Oswald took a special interest in the effects of shortening a rifle barrel).

The assumption that Klein's inadvertently shipped a slightly different model from the one ordered flows from the identity of the serial number C2766 on the rifle shipped and the rifle found in the Depository. However, if that serial number is not exclusive (as suggested in CE 2562), the theoretical possibility arises that Klein's shipped to Hidell a 36-inch rifle C2766 and

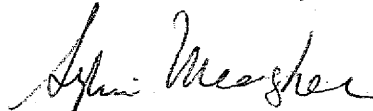
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that a 40.2-inch rifle with the same serial number was somehow introduced into the scene. That is, of course, purely hypothetical and I don't suggest that such a transaction took place in fact.

However, I have been told by another student of the assassination that a spokesman for Klein's said in an off-the-record conversation and not for attribution that when the Hidell order was filled, Klein's did not yet have in stock the 40.2-inch rifle (that model was not advertised anywhere, so far as I know, until several months after the enclosed ad appeared). According to the Warren Report (page 119) the G2766 rifle was received by Klein's in a shipment from Crescent Firearms, Inc., on February 21, 1963; however, it is possible theoretically that a 36-inch rifle arrived in that shipment, and not the 40.2-inch model with the same serial number.

Consequently, the enclosed advertisement assumes somewhat greater significance than it may appear to have at first glance.

Yours sincerely,


Sylvia Meagher

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