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Mr. Robert B. Cutler  
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Dear Mr. Cutler,

Thanks for your note from shipboard and I hope that you had a pleasant vacation.

The difficulty with the photograph is the distortion of perspective and the consequent divergency between apparent and actual length of the rifle. If the rifle was actually a 36" Carcano, it would be 51.4 percent of LHO's height when shod, barring distortion (e.g., if the rifle was held slightly forward of the body, it would appear to be longer in relation to LHO's height than in fact it was).

If it is really LHO in the photo, and he was really holding the 40.2" Carcano, but slightly forward of the body, then it might appear to be slightly longer than its real length. For that reason, I didn't think my point was overwhelming, although it still seemed worth mention.

Sincerely,