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# TEXAS GUNSMITH ATTACHED SIGHT

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Mounted Telescopic Fixture  
for Man Named Oswald

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DALLAS, Nov. 28 — A gunsmith from Irving, Tex., said today he mounted a telescopic sight on a gun for a man named Oswald about a month ago.

The gunsmith Dial D. Ryder, said he could not remember what the gun looked like, nor could he remember the customer.

Mr. Ryder found a receipt showing that he had mounted and adjusted a sight on a gun for a customer named Oswald. There was no date on the receipt, he said, but the work was done about a month ago. The customer paid \$4.50 for drilling and \$1.50 for boresighting the weapon.

### Ordered Gun From Chicago

Lee H. Oswald, accused assassin of President Kennedy ordered a 6.5-mm Italian carbine from a mail-order house in Chicago last March. It was equipped with a telescopic sight at the time of the assassination.

"Many people have this kind of work done," Mr. Ryder said. He said he believed a close examination of the Oswald weapon would show that he had not done the work.

The police and agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation refused to disclose information about another gun Oswald was supposed to have used to kill Patrolman J. D. Tippit when the officer stopped Oswald following the assassination.

That weapon, a .38-caliber pistol, has been turned over to the F.B.I. with other evidence in the case. It was reported that Oswald bought the pistol about two months ago and that the police have traced the point of its purchase.

Meanwhile, it appeared that Oswald's employment in a building along the parade route that President Kennedy would travel was happenstance.

Statements by persons familiar with the circumstances indicated that Oswald had no way of knowing when he took the job at the Texas School Book Depository that it would provide a vantage point for assassinating the President.

# Rifle Clue Mystery

DALLAS — (UPI) — An Irving, Tex., gunsmith remembers mounting a telescope sight on a rifle for a man named Oswald and sighting it in "more than a month ago."

But when Dial M. Ryder was shown pictures of the gun that killed President John F. Kennedy, he said it was not the same type of rifle that had been brought to him.

**RYDER SAID** his records indicate he drilled three holes for the sight and boresighted it by putting it in a vice and adjusting it by looking through the sight at a mark.

The record show Ryder got \$6 for the job from a man named Oswald, but Ryder said, "I am sure I would have remembered that type gun and none like that has been brought to me."

Lee Harvey Oswald, the man who police say killed the President, bought a 6.5 mm Carcano Italian rifle from a Chicago store through the mail for \$12.78 and paid an additional \$7.50 for the telescopic sight.

**OSWALD** ordered the gun under the name "A. Hydell."

In other developments, the Dallas Morning News said Oswald's mother said he told her he was questioned three times by the FBI before the President was slain.

The first time was in Fort Worth in 1962, right after Oswald returned from Russia; the second in New Orleans last summer, when Oswald was arrested for distributing pro-Castro literature, and the last time was after the family moved to Irving last September, the paper said.