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INVESTIGATION MADE BY	Special Agent Elmer W. Moore				
DETAILS	<p align="center"><u>SYNOPSIS</u></p> <p>Dial D. Ryder, Irving, Texas, gunsmith, dis- continued work on Oswald's rifle.</p> <p><u>DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION</u></p> <p>Front page story of the Dallas Times Herald, Thursday evening edition, November 28, 1963, reported that Dial D. Ryder, a gunsmith of Irving, Texas, claimed to have mounted and adjusted a telescopic sight for a customer believed to be Lee Harvey Oswald. Pertinent parts of the article are as follows:</p> <p><b>OSWALD GUN SIGHT MOUNTED IN IRVING.</b> An Irving gunsmith Thursday told The Times Herald he mounted and adjusted a telescopic sight for a customer investigators believe was Lee Harvey Oswald.</p> <p>"The disclosure came as officers - probing two of the most shocking murders in modern history - continued their intensive investigation.</p> <p>"Gunsmith Dial D. Ryder of 2028 Harvard in Irving said he attached the telescope and 'bore sighted' a foreign made rifle for a customer named Oswald about a month ago.</p> <p>"Mr. Ryder said he did the work at his Irving Sports Shop on Irving Boulevard. He had the gun, he said, only about three days. The work cost Oswald \$4.50 for drilling and \$1.50 for bore sighting, according to Mr. Ryder's records.</p> <p>"The gunsmith, however, remembered nothing of Oswald himself.</p> <p>"Many people have this kind of work done, he said. Oswald was just another customer.</p> <p>"Mr. Ryder could not remember the make of gun he worked on for Oswald. He said he thought it was foreign made - but he could not identify it.</p>				
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"The gunsmith said that insofar as he could remember the customer Oswald bought no ammunition from him.

"He said Oswald could have been in his shop on other occasions but Oswald has a 'common face for this part of the country' and he couldn't say for sure he had seen the man.

"The work done on the rifle consisted of drilling three holes - at \$1.50 each - to mount the telescopic sight and the bore sighting. Bore sighting consists of locking the rifle in a vise and sighting to a mark through the barrel and adjusting the sight to agree with that sight.

"No actual firing of the rifle is required for bore sighting. The price for that service was \$1.50."

On Sunday, December 1, 1963 telephone call was made to the home of Dial D. Ryder. He stated that he was leaving his home with his family and would not be available for interview until Monday. However, he stated that the newspaper story as reported above was in error and that he was satisfied that he had not done any work for Oswald. He said that he had an undated work slip indicating that sometime ago he mounted a sight on a rifle for a man named Oswald and that the slip indicated that he had drilled 3 holes in the receiver of a rifle for telescopic mount at \$1.50 a hole and had bore sighted a rifle for an additional \$1.50, making a total charge of \$6.00. Ryder claims that he cannot recall what kind of mount, scope or rifle he worked on. He claims to have been misquoted in the newspaper article and he is certain, after viewing the photographs of Oswald, that he had never done any work for him and, in fact, had never seen him. He further stated that he had examined a Carcano 6.5 mm rifle only the day before and is now certain that he has never, at any time, done any work on such a rifle. He also stated that he has been informed that the mount used on Oswald's rifle was of a Japanese manufacture and he has no such mounts in his shop as he uses only the following makes: Redfield, Buehler, Weaver and Bausch and Lomb. Ryder stated that he had been interviewed by an Agent Horton of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on Monday, November 25, 1963, and that on Wednesday and Friday had been interviewed by a woman who stated that she was from the White House Press. On her last interview with him she informed him that the rifle used by Oswald had been sold by Klein's of Chicago, complete with a mounted scope.

Ryder resides at 2028 Harvard Street, Irving, Texas, telephone HL 3-4876 and operates the Irving Sport Shop, 221 E. Irving Boulevard, Irving, Texas, telephone HL 3-5309.

DISPOSITION

No further inquiry will be made of Ryder unless directed otherwise.

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**Gunsmith Attached Sight for Man Named Oswald**

By JOHN HERBERS  
 Dallas Staff Writer  
**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, Earl 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 \$1.50 for drilling and \$1.50 for boring-sighting 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. Tippitt when the officer stopped Oswald following the assassination.

That weapon, a .25-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 a 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.

Oswald returned to Dallas early in October after a mysterious trip to Mexico and began looking for work, according to persons who saw him daily at that time.

It had been announced here on Sept. 28 that President Kennedy would visit Dallas, but no parade route was disclosed. The parade route was not decided on until shortly before the President's arrival and it was not published until the morning of his death.

While Oswald was looking for work his Russian-born wife and child lived with Mrs. Mi-

chael R. Paine, a friend, in Irving, a small town near Dallas.

Wesley Handle, a teen-age neighbor of Mrs. Paine, said he heard that Oswald was looking for a job and told Mrs. Paine that he knew of one at the Texas School Book Depository.

Mrs. Paine called about the job and on Oct. 14 Oswald went in and made application. He was accepted and started work the next day, Oct. 15, as a stock clerk at \$1.25 an hour.

Mrs. Paine said when Oswald got the job he had just received his last unemployment check and his wife was expecting the arrival of their second child.

He telephoned from Dallas, Mrs. Paine said, and announced "hooray, I've got a job."

Mrs. Paine said that the sports shop where Mr. Ryder, the gunsmith, works, is about

three miles from her home. She did not recall Oswald's making a trip to the shop.

Mrs. Paine said today that although Oswald was "anti-religious" his wife Marina had had a daughter, Marina Lee, baptized when she was about 1 year old.

Mrs. Paine said she thought this was done at the St. Sava Eastern Orthodox Church in Dallas. The other Oswald daughter is only a month old and has not been baptized yet, Mrs. Paine said.

Mrs. Oswald and her daughters were still kept from the public by the Secret Service today. Mrs. Paine sent her a message through the police that Russian-speaking women from Texas, New Jersey, Kansas and Ohio had been trying to reach her to offer to take her and her daughters into their homes.

Mrs. Oswald speaks no English.

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