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INTERVIEW WITH DIAL RYDER, IRVING GUNSMITH SHOP,
DALLAS, TEXAS

Q. It has been pretty well established that Oswald, the accused assassin of the President, used a 6.5 Carcano rifle, which is an Italian make, I think, with a Mauser action. Do you remember working on any gun like that?

RYDER. No, sir, I don't. I sure don't.

Q. You have attached a lot of scopes, telescopic sights recently. How would you mount a scope on a gun like that?

RYDER. Well, actually there is really one way to mount it on there. It would be with a side mount, and I don't recall putting a side mount on any bolt action that I've worked on.

Q. What do you mean by a side mount? Can you show me on this rifle here? Let's look at the gun.

RYDER. A side mount is mounted on the side of the gun, on, most likely, on the lefthand side of the gun. Now on this particular rifle here, which is an Argentine Mauser, it would be best on the top rather than on the side, over here.

Q. What do you do when you mount it?

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RYDER. Well, you have to drill holes and attach the threads, which are supposed to pass from the scope to the mount through that.

Q. On this gun it would be on top, but on the gun that has been established as the one that was used or found, let's say, in the School Book Building, it was, it would have to have been a side mount?

RYDER. Yes, sir. It sure would. And the pictures that the agent has shown me, it was a side mount.

Q. You were shown pictures by the FBI of the gun they found?

RYDER. Yes, sir.

Q. And that was a side-mounted telescopic sight?

RYDER. It sure was.

Q. And you don't remember mounting any side mounts?

RYDER. No, sir, I sure don't. Not on special or a bolt-action gun, I don't.

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