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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Last Fall Newsweek magazine published an article on President Kennedy's assassination. When I brought to the attention of the editors the inconsistencies in ballistics of their article they told me that sixteen people were working on the article, and they referred me to the Warren Report. When I examined the conclusions of this report on ballistics I concluded that a gun shooting around the corner with zig-zagging bullets had finally been discovered. In their second letter Newsweek admitted that many people have not agreed on the ballistics. As your men have re-enacted the crime, I hope it will not be difficult for you to mark the path of both bullets on the enclosed reproduction of the Newsweek page and return it to me. You will probably notice that the Governor had to hold his right hand on his left thigh when the bullet hit his wrist and the bullets fired by Oswald (?) which were going from right to left when fired, changed the trajectory to from left to right when they reached the target. I am particularly curious about the second bullet (F.M.?) which changed the path about 120° inside the brain cavity and disintegrated. As your men teach ballistics to many police in this country it should be no problem to superpose a few lines on the enclosed photostat.

~~A few months ago tear gas grenades (NC burning type) fired from a riot 12 g. shotgun were demonstrated to your services by Penguin Associates, Inc., Malvern, Pa. As I developed the attachment for these grenades, I would like to have your opinion on the following: Grenades, as they are produced by the above firm, have a range of about 100 yards; separation of the rod is not 100% constant; and the rod flies as far as the grenade. My design and samples were made for a range up to 200 yards, with 100% separation of the rod which followed the grenade to a distance of no more than 15-25 yards. However, Penguin Associates disregarded these features to save only a few hundred dollars on tooling. Are these features desirable?~~

~~Enclosed is a photograph of a smoke signal and flare launching device which I developed. It is the size of a cigarette pack, with five nests. It is to be used by boat owners, and in survival kits on aircraft, and fits the sleeve-pocket of an aviator's jacket. It is waterproof; made of plastic; the weight is 6 oz. With the new extra powerful primers it projects the signal to a height of about 500 ft.~~

~~For persons on dangerous assignments it could be camouflaged as a pack of cigarettes and loaded with phosphorus, shot- or tear-gas. In your opinion would there be a market for this last kind of loading?~~

Yours very truly,

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Enclosures

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