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Dear Mr. Batchelor:

On April 8 I wrote to you in regard to a proposed book on the controversy which has followed the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. I was disappointed to learn in your return letter of April 15 that you would not see me. You suggested instead that I contact the Justice Department. In fact, I need help from both ends. Allow me to explain.

The type of material I am looking for will not be found in reports. For example, I would like to suggest that the rush up the grassy knoll after the shooting was induced by the power of suggestion, or, more simply, it was little more than follow the leader. As near as I can determine, Officer Bobby Hargis was the first one to run to the overpass and another officer- I believe it was Clyde Haygood, I am not sure- was the first to run to the fence at the top of the knoll. The question is; why ?

We find that Curry radioed; "Get a man on top of that Triple Underpass and see what happened up there." Immediately thereafter, Decker issued an order to "move all available men out of my office into the railroad yard to try to determine what happened in there..." Is it not possible that Hargis and Haygood(?) were carrying out the orders of Curry and Decker, and that the others followed them up the slope as a natural result ? Here my ignorance has me stymied. I do not know if the motorcycles were equipped with radios and if the orders could have been received. If so, were Hargis and Haygood actually responding to the orders ? This is the type of help I need and I can find the answers only through direct contact.

After a long and close study of the evidence, I have what I believe to be a supportable alternate to the single bullet theory. While my theory is fortified by the existing evidence, it is wholly dependent on a possibility that may or may not exist. The answer to this is primarily in Washington, not in Dallas. Therefore, I have contacted Mr. J. Edgar Hoover and asked for his assistance. If my theory can be established, it would account for the FBI contradiction of the autopsy report, the location of the holes in the President's clothing, the bullet found at Parkland, the ballistics evidence, and would offer a credible explanation as to what happened to the third bullet. The theory, needless to say, would support the conclusion that one man acted alone.

I would like to talk to those who are knowledgeable on the subject. So far, two members of the Commission-Russell and Cooper- and a staff member-Specter- have agreed to see me. I am expecting others to follow. From Dallas, only Mr. Wade has agreed to see me. Won't you please reconsider your earlier decision and talk to me ?

Very truly yours,

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