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U. S. Department of Justice
F. B. I. Laboratory
Chief of Ballistics
9th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Greg Lessig, Instructor of Political Science and I are gathering information for an article for the Southwestern Historical Quarterly, dealing with the Kennedy assassination. We wish to assure you that our purpose is historical knowledge rather than cheap sensationalism.

The theory we are attempting to gather evidence on is: that Oswald had his .38 Special revolver, V510210, with him in the Texas School Book Depository; that he fired two or three shots with his 6.5 mm. Rifle, G2766, and then drew his pistol and fired one or two shots from it at the presidential car. This theory would explain the doubts arising from the testimony of Royce G. Skelton, Patrolman J. W. Foster, James T. Tague, and Patrolman L. L. Hill. We are, thus, attempting to prove that Oswald was the only assassin.

As to the revolver, no one saw him with it, at or near the Depository, but this does not mean that he did not have it in his belt, under his jacket. Of the four bullets recovered from the body of Patrolman Tippit, three were Winchester-Western (lead with a trace of copper) and one was Remington-Peters (plain lead or lead alloy). The empty cartridge cases found at 10th Street and Patton Avenue were, however, two Winchester-Western and two Remington-Peters.

You can help us if you have information on the metal content of the bullet splash found on the south curb of Main Street by Tague, and the content of the Remington-Peters bullet removed from Tippit. Were they the same?

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Sincerely yours,

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