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Mr. James J. Rowley, Director
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U. S. Treasury
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

As you may know I am a researcher duly registered with the National Archives and Records Service and a holder of researcher identification card number 604-115. I have, in addition, an account with that office which has permitted me in the past to order photostatic copies of documents in their records.

I have examined a number of the documents on the list of basic source materials in possession of the Warren Commission maintained by the National Archives. I am now anxious to examine some of the physical evidence in the case. I refer to the shirt and jacket worn by President Kennedy on November 22, 1963, the bullet designated by the Warren Commission as Commission Exhibit 399, as well as the two fragments of bullets also found, the alleged assassination rifle, the jacket which the Commission determined that Lee Harvey Oswald wore on November 22, Oswald's handwriting specimens that were examined by the Commission's experts, the pistol that the Commission determined was used to shoot J. D. Tippit, the bullets recovered from Tippit's body, the goatskin that served as a target for bullets fired from the alleged assassination weapon, the metal shims that were attached to the alleged assassination weapon before it was tested, the windshield of the Presidential limousine, the original photograph shown to Marguerite Oswald on Nov-

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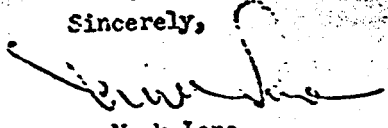
ember 23, 1963 by FBI Agent Odum, the curbstone that was damaged on November 22nd and examined at the FBI Laboratory during August, 1964, the paper bag in which Oswald allegedly carried the rifle on November 22 and the paper bag manufactured by the FBI Laboratory to simulate the original, and the actual tape-recordings of the Dallas Police broadcasts which were examined by an FBI agent and from which two different and inconsistent transcripts were made and published by the Commission.

In some cases I would wish to have reputable and recognized authorities make the examination on my behalf. For example, I wish to employ outstanding handwriting experts to examine the handwriting specimens. I have absolutely no objection to examining the evidence under the supervision of government agents.

If some of the evidence that I have referred to hereinabove is in the possession of the Secret Service, I should like to know when it may be convenient for your office for me to see the evidence and arrange to have independent experts examine the evidence.

If for any reason you should decline to permit an examination of the evidence by me or by independent experts, I would appreciate it if you would in any event list those items of evidence that you actually do possess and the authorities upon which you rely both for the possession of the evidence and the declination to permit the examination of the evidence.

Sincerely,


Mark Lane

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