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Dear Dr. Guinn:

What relates to depositions in what follows I ask you to keep confidential until after the depositions are filed officially with the court. I do not know what this is necessary but I'd feel better knowing I have not crossed the line.

There are reasons for my writing you prior to the official filing of the depositions. I do not know when the transcript of most relevance to you will be typed up. As yet it has not been. It contains what I regard as defamatory of you and your former employer. The subject matter itself is one in which you have had interest and involvement.

If you have forgotten my name I am the one who has been seeking the scientific tests in the JFK assassination for 11 years now, the one who took this to the Supreme Court, which contributed to the amending of the Freedom of Information Act and the one who has the suit back in federal court now. It is in connection with this suit and with a firm and definitive ruling decision from the federal court of appeals that I am taking the depositions I cannot afford to pay for.

Red Gibson of The National Enquirer is a personal friend. Red asked you to go over the AAA results on the paraffin casts. Probably a few other records were included. He was going to send me a copy of your report but he never got around to it and when I asked he could not find it.

Data of the kind you saw on the casts is now said not to exist with regard to the ballistics and ballistics-related materials. However, official lying about this would not be exceptional within my experience, in general and in this litigation.

Under discovery and hence not confidential we obtained some records that had been withheld earlier. These include none of John P. Gallagher's relating to you. It was months ago so my recollection is not certain. One in particular that sticks in my mind is his report of a phone call from you. The records indicated you were to be a consultant. In plain English Gallagher's memo said he refused to give you the time of day, politely, and gee, boss, ain't I a great guy for it?

There was also what I took to be some pretty nasty stuff about Paul Abernold. He is the one who opened and forced the idea of using AAA. It was very unwise, particularly none of his specific. If what was said about him had been true I do not see how he could have kept a security clearance. Only this past Monday, from Gallagher, did I learn that shortly thereafter Abernold committed suicide. I know nothing about it.

Aside from wanting to help solve the crime and use the newest in science in this and Abernold by-passed the FBI by writing to the chief of the DJ Criminal Division. As I recall his letter, which I have, he recommended you and I think you and your lab alone. When we asked Gallagher why he did not use you he bad-mouthed you and said your commercial instincts would make the whole thing insecure and risky, that you would not miss this great chance to leak and sell your stuff.

It is Gallagher who decided what would and would not be done, with no problems from the San Diego contractor. He thus managed to avoid the testing urged by Abernold, on the unfired bullet found in the rifle, chambered.