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Dear Sylvia

Thank you for your letter. I think your letter to BookWorld is excellent and hope they print it. As to the specific points you make: 1) I am shocked to hear that 5 not 3 films were blurred. If this is so CBS was egregiously dishonest and the tests are meaningless. I took them at face value: 3 shots, 3 blurs: 2 correspond, why not the third? If there were 5 blurs, everything is quite different, of course.

2) Still not convinced by headjerk theory. I think a bullet can ricochet on path through head causing effect. Since there is unexamined prior evidence, The X-Rays, I think point must remain moot until they are examined.

3) I think you are right about my applying two standards. And I did so only because I felt your book was errorless-- unlike the Warren Report--and thus, once it is granted everything you say is right: do these holes you punched in the Warren Commission change what could have happened on Nov. 22nd? Could not Oswald, even though the Warren Report is dead, have fired the shots? All one can do, I think, is estimate probabilities here. Of course, by a common sense standard, which as you point out the WR uses, I think your book shows it extremely unlikely, even inconceivable, that a single assassin was responsible.

In any case, as I said before, I wasn't satisfied with my review because I don't think it fully expressed my admiration for your book. Today I gave a talk to a Harvard house and when asked what they could read, ~~and~~ I said your book was probably the best book which would be ever written on the subject.

I'm now fighting the clock to finish the Garrison article. The more I find out about that man, the more disgusted I become. But I won't bore you with details now.

I hope to see you over my Xmas vacation,

Regards,

