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Dear Mr. Eisenberg,

Two questions arise from study of the Warren Commission's Hearings and Exhibits which appear to be in your special area of competence. I should be very grateful if you will be kind enough to clarify these questions.

(1) The Warren Report (page 646) asserts that the ammunition used in the assassination rifle was "recently made by the Western Cartridge Co., which manufactures such ammunition currently." There is no reference in the Notes to the source for this statement. Can you please indicate the authority and date? I have been told by a critic of the Report that the claim is not corroborated in correspondence from the Western Cartridge Company, which suggests that production ceased at the end of World War II.

(2) CE 2560, the telephone message ^{addressed} to you from the Aberdeen Proving Ground indicating that the scope on the rifle as received was mounted "as if for a left-handed man," is not supplemented by documents or testimony elaborating on the significance of that finding. Can you advise me please whether or not it was possible to establish the "left-handedness" of the mounting? If so, can it be assumed that Oswald was left-handed or ambidextrous, or that the rifle could nevertheless be fired without difficulty by a right-handed man? Was it ^{possible to} ~~established~~ ^{determine} on what basis, or by whose instructions, the gunsmith at Klein's mounted the scope for a left-handed man?

I am taking the liberty of addressing myself to you, since the Warren Commission is now dissolved and I am not aware of any residual arrangements for providing clarification to members of the public or students of the case. Other former counsel have, I know, ^{been ready} ~~promised~~ to provide clarifications which were requested. This encourages me to hope for your sympathetic response to my questions, at your early convenience, by telephone if you prefer (Chelsea 2-4293 or Plaza 4-1234 ext 2024). With thanks,

Yours sincerely, etc.
Amman (See final copy under "rifle")