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Dear Sir,

Lillian Castellano is quite right in her recollection that Oswald told reporters that he was being framed. The handwritten notes of Seth Kantor, member of the White House Press Corps for Scripps-Howard Alliance, contain the following notation for Friday night:

7:55 "I'm just a patsy"

Kantor's note is found in Volume XX of the Hearings, page 366, along with many other graphic and fascinating entries. One is Kantor's reminder to himself, on page 376, to

Ask Fritz--Who N.C. preacher who
tipped them about the mail-order purchase?

I thought from the Warren Report that the FBI had traced the mail-order purchase by its own unaided methods and, moreover, that the rifle was the only one of its type with the serial number C2766. Imagine my astonishment when I read an FBI letter to the Warren Commission dated 30 April 1964 (Commission Exhibit 2562) and learned that,

In the 1930s Mussolini ordered all arms factories to manufacture the Mannlicher-Carcano rifle. Since many concerns were manufacturing the same weapon, the same serial number appears on weapons manufactured by more than one concern. Some bear a letter prefix and some do not. (Italics added)

This discovery and many discrepancies of the same nature between the official findings and the raw evidence and testimony have taught me that it is folly to accept on trust even the factual statements in the Warren Report. Anyone who finds preposterous the notion that the Warren Commission has loaded its report with lies, misrepresentation, and concealment will profit from the following exercise: Compare the last paragraph on page 644 of the Report with Hearings VIII page 318; page 175 of the Report with Hearings VII pages 30-33, 115-117, and Exhibit 1974 (1:20 to 1:40 p.m.); and the last paragraph on page 95 of the Report with Hearings IV pages 109-114, II pages 374-5, 376 and 382.

Yours sincerely,

(I am enclosing a duplicate of this letter and would be grateful if it could be forwarded to Lillian Castellano. Also, I congratulate Harold Feldman on his excellent piece.)