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Dear Dick,

Thanks for sending me a copy of your very interesting paper on the defective scope and the rifle capability. Your argumentation seems very convincing to me, although I have no claim to expertise on the particular questions treated. I agree with you that the statement in the WR that the defect in the scope "would have assisted the assassin" is indeed false and unwarranted. Moreover, it seems to me that there is no basis whatever for assuming that this sighting arrangement was in any way more accurate before the rifle was discovered on 11/22/63 than when it was test-fired on 11/27/63.

Your paper seems to me to contribute to the growing body of evidence that suggests that this rifle was not used at all on 11/22/63.

Unfortunately, the climate for the presentation of new findings is about as unfavorable as it could possibly be, in the wake of the fiasco in New Orleans.

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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