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Dear Mr. Crawford,

After our conversation last night I tried to clear up some of the points on which we were in doubt. I was able to find the following clarifications:

1. Governor Connally did feel the impact of the bullet in his back, as indicated in Chapter II of the Warren Commission report, under "The Assassin: In the Presidential Limousine." (Page 62 Bantam edition)

2. I could not find specific information in the report on the back brace but NEWSWEEK for December 2nd (page 22) states that when Dr. Perry rushed in to the emergency room he saw the President, "his suit coat, shirt, and back brace already stripped off." The removal of the back brace is further indicated by Dr. Perry's attempt at closed-chest drainage (inserting a tube between two ribs) and by his effort to get the heart pumping again by manual kneading of the breastbone---a procedure that would be difficult if a brace was on the body.

3. There is a strong indication that the location of the wound in the back as given in the report (rather, the location of the corresponding hole in the suit coat at 5 and 3/8 inches below the top of the collar) is not a typographical error. A photograph on the inside cover of the Bantam edition shows a scene which the report identifies as "Two FBI men re-enact assassination in Dallas, May 24, 1964, for Warren Commission." In this photo the stand-in for the President shows a hole in the coat which appears to be about five inches below the top of the collar. The stand-in for the Governor is wearing the actual suit coat which the Governor was wearing when he was shot. The two holes are connected by a broken line to show the angle of trajectory.

If one considers this photograph in conjunction with the Commission's conclusion that the same bullet struck both men, resulting in these entry bullet holes, it becomes obvious that this remarkable bullet not only hovered in mid-air until it received some kind of signal that the moment had come to strike Connally---it also made a sharp detour, changing to an upward trajectory in order to exit through the President's adam's apple or thereabouts, then reverted to the 17° trajectory to strike the Governor and finally, to further confuse the amateurs trying to fathom this mystery, changed to a 25° downward path.

What is one to think?

I look forward to comparing notes with you again soon, and thank you again for phoning last night.

Sincerely yours,

P.S. The Commission is imprecise about the chicken-bones but indicates that Bonnie Ray Williams ate his lunch on the south side of the sixth floor. It is my impression that the floor may consist of one large storage area rather than a series of separate rooms. TIME or NEWSWEEK (I don't have the exact reference with me) indicates that the chicken remains were found with the cartridges, cartons, etc. Also, NEWSWEEK for December 9th, page 41, confirms that Brennan said immediately after the shooting that he could not identify the man he saw and that he was later taken to the police-station to view the line-up.