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Dear Miss Griswold,

Thank you very much for your letter of 10 October and especially for the copy of the Weitzman affidavit which you kindly enclosed. I am looking forward to hearing the debate between Mark Lane and Belli next week, and I thought that I should mention in this letter two further anomalies in the Warren Commission report that I found striking, on the off-chance that they have not already been picked up.

(1) Under "Discovery of the Cartridges and Rifle" the Warren Commission indicates that the rifle was photographed where it lay on the floor between two stacks of cartons before anyone touched it. That photograph must therefore contain categorical proof that the rifle found was a Carcano and not a Mauser. The fact that the report never again mentions that photo but chooses to dispose of the problem of the Mauser by misrepresenting the facts and concealing the contents of the affidavit by Weitzman lends further support to charges that the alleged murder weapon is not the same as the rifle actually discovered on the sixth floor.

(2) Mark Lane in his lectures has presented compelling reasons for questioning the authenticity of the photograph showing "Oswald" holding the "murder rifle." I know nothing whatever about cameras or photographs but have applied another test which leads me to the conclusion that the photograph is manufactured evidence. The Warren Commission tells us that Oswald was 5'9" tall and the Carcano 40.2 inches long. This establishes a fixed relationship between the two measurements, in which the rifle is 57.4 percent of Oswald's height. However, there is a totally different relationship between the two measurements in every published copy of the photograph (I used both the LIFE cover of February 21st and smaller reproductions). According to my calculations (which have been checked and confirmed by a disinterested person), if the rifle in the photograph is actually the 6.5 Carcano, then the man in the photograph is 5'4" tall or five inches shorter than Oswald. If the man in the photograph is actually Oswald, then the rifle is 42.6 inches long or 2.4 inches longer than the Carcano.

The discrepancies are even more marked if an inch or more are added to Oswald's height to account for the shoes. On the strength of this alone, it seems to be impossible that the photograph is genuine. I cannot believe that any posture or stance or perspective could result in a discrepancy of five inches in a man's height.

Thanks again for your letter. If you have the time, please let me know Miss Norton's first name, and anything else that turns up on her suicide.

Sincerely yours,

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