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Mr Penn Jones, Jr
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Dear Mr Jones,

Your No. 4 editorial on Julia Mercer was the first published attention to Julia Mercer. Her affidavit was one of the most striking documents to me, when the Hearings arrived, and I felt the same frustration that you expressed about the omission of the time of the incident she witnessed. Later, in studying the radio logs, I discovered that the incident occurred at 11.07 a.m. or less than an hour and a half before the shots (see CE 705, Volume XVII, page 392, request for wrecker to clear a stalled truck from motercade escort route, just west of underpass on Elm). Another interesting bit appears in the testimony of Forrest Sorrels, head of the Dallas Secret Service (7H page 352)—Julia Mercer reported the episode of the truck and the man with the rifle case to Sorrels that afternoon but he didn't pursue the matter, he said, because the rifle and shells had been found in the Depository! Some Sherlock.

I hope that you received the excerpts from my manuscript (on the Seth Kantor and Betty Mooney MacDonald evidence) and found them of some interest. If you have a photocopy machine, you may feel free to make copies and I'd appreciate it if you send the originals back as soon as convenient.

I look forward to No. 5. Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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