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Dear Ray,

Many thanks for your letter of the 5th, to which this is only a hasty reply, and for the copy of your letter to Edward Kern of LIFE, which is well-reasoned and not to be faulted. About Frazier's testimony: in V p. 170 he says,

Now, this obviously indicates that the Governor in between frame 235 and frame 240 has turned from facing completely forward in the car around to the right to the point that a bullet entering his back on the right shoulder area would have exited in my opinion somewhere from his left chest area rather than from his right chest area.

Frazier may be mistaken, of course; and his interpretation does not agree with those of other witnesses. But it is hard for me to find in his explicit statement quoted above room for the interpretation that he believes Connally could have been shot from the Depository window at some point between frames 235 and 240, as the Warren Report asserts on the cited basis of Frazier's testimony in V p. 170.

I have had a letter only this morning from Bickel discussing this and related points and concluding that Frazier's testimony does not exclude a later shot at Connally (later than frame 225); but Bickel now says "I hold no particular brief for the notion I suggested of a possible shot at the President at frames 185-6"---which gives me a little satisfaction anyway.

My best, Ray; I wish I did not have to rush but things are hectic, more than ever, and I will await a quieter hour for a longer letter.

Love,

P.S. Anything further on Lifton's earth-shaking "discovery"?