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Dear Shirley,

I have forwarded your letter to Maggie, whose address is 1115 North Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills, Calif. 90210.

About the picture of LHO with rifle: Mama O. has told me on the phone that she thinks it might have been a photo taken in the Soviet Union, in which he was holding a shotgun. Never a word about "marine fatigues"...I think that that must be something she thought up recently.

As for Manchester's allegations about Robert McNeil of NBC: you will know from my review of his lousy book that I have absolutely no confidence in his accuracy, and in this instance I am almost certain that he is dead wrong again. The man who asked LHO where the telephone was almost surely is Pierce Allman, a Dallas TV news reporter. His description of the incident closely matches LHO's description, except that Allman claims the encounter took place on the street floor of the Depository, inside the building and not outside as LHO said. It is possible, of course, that two men (or even three, or five) asked LHO where a phone was to be found—maybe he saw Allman inside, and McNeill outside.

(Having written this much, it occurs to me that your second inquiry as well as the first was addressed to Maggie, not to me. But I decided to comment on both questions, just the same. Hope it is of some use.)

Must rush now, Shirley. Hope you are okay and all is well.