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Dear Mr. Keene,

Your letter of the 9th has been forwarded to me by my publishers.

The question of Mr. Bowley's observations is one of a long list of unresolved contradictions which remain to be investigated if the truth about the assassination and related events is ever to be uncovered. It is my hope that a new investigation would be properly organized and comprehensive, conducted in a systematic and scientific manner, rather than piecemeal and amateurish, and utilizing sworn testimony and cross examination. In such an investigation, the "hard" evidence (i.e., autopsy photographs and x-rays, the Zapruder film and other bystander films or photos, the spectrographic analysis results, authentication of the palmprint allegedly lifted from the rifle barrel, etc.) should, in my opinion, have priority over evidence derived from individual witnesses.

If Mr. Bowley now said that his watch was, or was not, accurate, and said so to a private investigator rather than to a court or an official body, I wonder if our knowledge would really be advanced. We would still have, on one hand, indications from Mrs. Markham that the shooting occurred at about 1:07 p.m.; and indications from the police radio logs that it was 1:15 or 1:16 p.m. And, in any case, the fact would remain that walking from Oswald's rooming house to the Tippit scene would have required more time than has been allowed in the so-called reconstruction of Oswald's movements, on the basis of the reenactment by one of the Commission's lawyers.

For these reasons, I have tended to abjure undertaking random and isolated inquiries, and remain convinced that what is required is the type of investigation which I outlined in my book.

With thanks for your thoughtful letter and your interest,

Yours sincerely,

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