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Dear Mr. Cutler,

Just received your Message of 31 May 1968 and scanned the enclosure. I hasten to write you to call your attention to a serious error, or misunderstanding, which arises in point 5 of your Notes.

You argue that the space near the window is not sufficient to accommodate the home-made paper bag, on the basis of the position of the paper bag indicated by dotted lines superimposed on a photograph. The dotted lines indicate that the bag is flat on the floor, at its full length.

But this is completely misleading, and illustrates the hazard of working from the Warren Report alone, without thorough knowledge of the Hearings and Exhibits. The testimony establishes that all witnesses to the discovery or presence of the paper bag stated that it was folded and refolded. The photograph on page 132 of the Government edition of the Warren Report shows numerous horizontal and vertical fold lines in the bag.

If you have ACCESSORIES AFTER THE FACT, see pages 45-64 and especially pages 59-61, on the flagrant discrepancies and contradictions which led me to question the entire story of the paper bag. The diagram of the bag (dotted lines) was made, if memory serves, by a Dallas Police Laboratory technician, who was apparently unfamiliar with the official "facts." It is typical of the Commission and its staff that the misleading exhibit was included in the Report, with bland indifference to its inaccuracy in terms of the Commission's own version of events—which I regard as suspect in the extreme.

I will study the rest of your Notes as soon as time allows and will write again if I have further remarks. All good wishes,

Hastily yours,

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