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Dear Sylvia and Tink:

A note to bring you both up to date.

Sometime back Miss Scobey was asked to do an article for the local newspaper section, as a followup to the Warren Commission Report, and to be published close to the time of the fifth anniversary of the assassination. Enclosed is a copy of this for each of you.

My first reaction was extreme frustration and a desire to sit down and write a rebuttal. After making myself sleep on it for a week, and then rereading it, I do find what I feel are significant changes of position from that stated in the Warren Report. I'll be interested in seeing what you think about it.

A subsequent dinner meeting with she and my wife continued to reveal the same pattern. As a group of attorneys, the investigators were inclined to question the validity of all witnesses, and to accept the hypothesis which fitted best at the time. The visit to view the Zapruder films has left her with a deeper question about the timing and impact of the shots.

Meantime, I was able to stage a reenactment to simulate the jet stream on the side of a man's head, as an explanation of the white spot seen on the side of Kennedy's head immediately ahead of the last impact. As you know Atlanta is about the latitude of Dallas; we used a clear sunshiny day in November, and the model posed at the same angle to the sun. Then we sent the millimeter film off to have enlarged prints made, only to have it returned by Kodak saying they do not handle this type of work anymore. The local photography people cannot help me - maybe one of you know a source for getting this job done.



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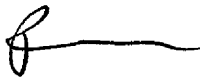
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Also I have continued to work on the book, which contains a hypothesis I believe to be substantial in accordance with the facts revealed. Sylvia, I do wish to take advantage of your kind offer to check the manuscript for me. The script should be ready within a couple of weeks and the exhibits shortly thereafter.

Best personal regards to you both.

Sincerely,



Paul H. Chapman

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P.S. I find I can obtain only one extra copy of the Scobey article. Therefore, ladies first, and I ask that Sylvia pass it along to Tink after she has finished.