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*"Where the Winners Buy Their Ammo"*

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Miss Sylvia Meagher,  
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Dear Miss Meagher:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your comments on my letter to Dr. Wecht. I found it here yesterday upon my return from 10 days in the metropolitan New York area. If I had received it before my trip, I certainly would have contacted you by phone.

You have the advantage on me, lady. You have read what I wrote, but, unfortunately, I have not read your book. If you would inform me of the title and publisher, I will certainly make it a "must" on my reading schedule.

I also found a letter from Dr. Wecht telling of tentative plans to visit Arizona again in the near future, and suggesting we try to meet. Since his tentative schedule might possibly put him here at the time when most of the best rifle shooters in the world (the type of shooting which I believe was involved in the Kennedy assassination), I have asked him if he would like to have the conference include not just myself but two other shooters. My suggestion was: Thomas Whitaker of the San Francisco area who is undoubtedly the finest performer of the fundamentals of rifle shooting the world has ever seen, plus a keen student of finest parts of gunsmithing which make fine shooting a mathematical "certainty" as far as equipment is concerned. This boy has rewritten the records within the past two years, including (sorrowfully) most of mine.

The second "nomination" would be Maj. Lones Wigger of the Army's Advanced Marksmanship Unit at Ft. Benning. Wig has 3 Olympic gold medals, 8 or 9 National championships (including 1973) and generally regarded as about the coolest performer under the stress of competition to be encountered anywhere in the world. This, incidentally, is one point I should also have included in my letter to Dr. Wecht. Shooting well when there is no emotional stress is NOT the same as shooting well when there is extreme pressure..... as there certainly must have been in firing "the most important shot(s) in history".

As a member of the Army's MTU, Wigger is the premier member of the one school in the Western hemisphere which, I feel, was capable of preparing a shooter to perform the Kennedy assassination with a pretty fair chance of success. The only other one in the world of which I know would be the Russian school..... and they had theirs so far in advance of ours, that ours is largely patterned after it.

We'll see what the good doctor can manage on his schedule. I assume he will keep you informed. Best regards.

*George Stidworthy*

P.S. I do not believe, and I did not mean to infer, that the Benning MTU was involved in the killing. However, the performance was so expert from what I was able to read on it, that the preparation for it was meticulous. Further, although a 6.5 mm. projectile was the fatal device, there is probably little to suggest that it was launched from a dog of a cartridge like the 6.5 Carcano. The 6.5, usually in the 6.5 x 55 was a favorite caliber of East European shooting, and in its refined versions was a fine performing cartridge out to 300 meters (about 330 yards).

I have already mailed a reply to Dr. Wecht, but I am wondering if either of you are aware of a test of the performance of 6.5 Carcanos on human cadavers up in Utah by a military unit. It was supposed to be for the Warren Commission, but as nearly as we can learn, the results were never mentioned or included. If this is an aspect you neverheard of previously, I can put you on the trail, but the original source would have to be protected.