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Dear Bud,

Congratulations on the publication of your book Assassination of JFK by Coincidence or Conspiracy? and thank you for the generous references in it to my work. It was thoughtful of you to send me a copy of the book and I have read it with great interest. One of its many merits is that it updates the numerous developments in the case up to the end of 1976 and thus becomes a useful reference work. Incidentally, some time ago I sent you a photograph of myself for possible use in this book and I would be grateful if you would return it.

If the book should go into a second printing, there are a few factual corrections which should be made, just to keep the record absolutely correct. For example, at the top of page 215 the impression is given that Ruth Paine considered the Mannlicher-Carcano rifle different in appearance from the rifle supposedly owned by Oswald and supposedly stored in her garage. The footnote cites Ruth Paine's testimony in Volume III page 25. In fact, Ruth Paine insisted that she had never been aware of any rifle stored in her garage and that she had never seen such a rifle. Thus, she could not have found any "difference". If you check her testimony on that point, in Volume III page 25, I am sure you will agree.

On page 261, the statement is made that "according to New Orleans police records, Oswald immediately requested that the FBI be contacted..." At one time, I made a close study of this incident and found that there was nothing in the New Orleans police records to reflect Oswald's alleged request for the FBI to be summoned. The only contemporaneous record of the alleged request is in the report by Quigley.

On pages 441 and 443, it is said that Seymour Weitzman signed an affidavit identifying the rifle as a Mauser on November 22, 1963. In actual fact, he signed the affidavit on November 23, 1963. A small point, but an interesting and possibly significant one.

If you would like to discuss any of these points, please do not hesitate to phone me (212-242-293). With kind regards and all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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