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My dear Professor Kurtz,

After making heroic efforts over the last two months to obtain a copy of your book Crime of the Century, I finally received one a few days ago. I do hope that others who may order the book from the University of Tennessee Press have an easier time than I did. In any case, I read the book with real interest and some gratification at the many instances in which your arguments and conclusions agree with those in my own published work.

There are some technical weaknesses in the Notes and the Index, and a few questions of substance which I hope that you will be good enough to clarify in an early reply to this letter. My comments follow.

Page 12 Your statement about Wilma Tice is ambiguous. She did not previously know Ruby but at Parkland Hospital heard him addressed as "Jack".

Page 47 Josiah Thompson is mentioned but not listed in the Index, as is true for several other names that appear in the text --Harold Weisberg and myself, for example.

Page 75 The reference to "A thoracic surgeon..." has no corresponding citation in the Notes.

Page 79 The penultimate paragraph, on the Connally bullet fragments, does not have adequate citations in the Notes.

Page 101 Last paragraph: How do you reconcile the forward head movement at Z312-Z313 with your hypothesis on pages 228-231 of a shot to the back of the head at Z327? This is my most important question and I hope that you will clarify this point even if you do not care to respond to any other questions I raise.

Page 104 Footnote 41 (page 252 of the Notes) has nothing to do with the text of the first paragraph of this page.

Page 186 Anti-Castro organizations have an extensive history of violence in this country, including a bazooka attack on the United Nations Headquarters building where I was at work at the time of the attack.

Page 189 The Notes do not include any citation for the eyewitness observations of Helen Menaghan, which are important enough to require a specific source.

Page 200 "The author has interviewed a journalist who saw a photograph of Ruby and Oswald together." This seems to me to be an example of confusing "reliable evidence" and "speculation" (see page 215).

Page 221 What is the source of your allegation that Oswald had purchased ammunition a few days before the Dial Ryer incident?

Page 225 "...the first two floors of the Depository were lower than the lineazine at the time of the shots." What is your authority for this allegation? Did you visit the scene personally? Were measurements taken?

Page 232 Paragraph 1: The footnote has no relation to the text. What is the source of your information regarding Tom Tilsen?

With all good wishes,

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