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Ms. Martha Millet
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Dear Ms. Millet,

The correct designation is ".30-06" and I regret to say that carelessness and unfamiliarity with weaponry produced the erroneous "30.06" on page 283 and elsewhere in my book. You are the first person to have noticed this inconsistency and I am grateful to have it called to my attention, as I suspect that the error was in the manuscript.

Assuredly, the same caliber of weapon figures in the Walker shooting and in the incident reported by Robert Adrian Tayler. I did not suggest any relationship between the two .30-06 weapons because in each case the issue was left ambiguous and unresolved. That is, the Warren Commission was aware of but ignored the April 1963 press reports that the Walker bullet was a .30-06, so that we cannot be certain that in fact it was that caliber on the basis of competent laboratory measurement. In any case, I am convinced that Oswald was in no way implicated in the Walker shooting, for the reasons set forth in my book.

In the case of Tayler, we can be confident of the .30-06 caliber but we cannot be certain that the rifle was ever in Oswald's possession because the FBI did not attempt to establish a chain of possession despite firm information on the serial number and the manufacture. Tayler's identification of Oswald cannot be regarded as conclusive, in view of the many other instances of mistaken identifications of Oswald or even of what may have been deliberate impersonation of him.

Rifles of .30-06 caliber crop up elsewhere in the evidence. For example, see page 14 of my book, on Rowland's evidence; on page 194, one of the two rifles purchased by a book company executive, which I mention in passing, was in fact a .30-06; and there are still others mentioned in the testimony but not necessarily in my book.

If you would like to discuss this further, please feel free to telephone any evening, Chelsea 2-4293. I am very glad to know that my book is still being read and I am grateful for your kind words.

Yours sincerely,

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