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Dear Mr. Wise,

I have read your article, "Secret Evidence on the Kennedy Assassination," with considerable interest. It fills in a few more blanks in the still-incomplete picture of how the Warren Commission approached its work and what evidence it elicited—or failed to elicit.

The guidelines governing the release of the Commission's documents, viewed in conjunction with the Freedom of Information Act, do not seem to account for the continuing inaccessibility of one important item: the report of the results of the spectrographic analysis performed by FBI expert John Gallagher on the bullet and bullet fragments, smears, and traces (on the President's clothes, in the limousine, on the Main Street curb, etc.). As discussed in my book, Accessories After the Fact, pages 170-174, only very incomplete mention of the spectrographic findings is found in the testimony; and that, so far as it goes, justifies the inference that more than one type of cartridge—and consequently more than one rifle—were fired during the assassination.

Did you find any references to the spectrographic tests in the transcripts of the Commission's executive sessions which you were instrumental in having declassified?

The advance stories on your article yesterday seem to have provoked questions to Senator Kennedy about the classified material in the Archives, as you may have seen in today's New York Times (page 24, column 4). His reaction was profoundly disappointing and suggests that he remains unaware that the most serious doubt has been thrown on the Warren Report by responsible researchers and critics. But I am delighted that you have called national attention to the issue of secrecy of the assassination documentation and I do hope that you will continue your interest in this whole subject, and that this article is the first of many. With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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