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Dear Sylvia,

Thanks for the copy of your 7/9/71 letter to David W. Belin. I'm having trouble following the discussion since I don't have a copy of your Texas Observer article of 8/13/71. Could I obtain a copy of this from you?

I have spent some time looking into who was where in the TSBD at 12:30 p.m. and have noted certain inconsistencies in the testimony and FBI interviews regarding this area.

[Truly's whereabouts at 12:30 interests me. He says he was standing out at the curb watching the parade but I doubt it since no one else mentions he was standing there in statements made on 11/22/63.

Then there is M.L. Baker's affidavit of 11/22/63 that says "as I entered the door I saw several people standing around. I asked these people where the stairs were. A man stepped forward and stated he was the building manager and he would show me where the stairs were."

I suspect that someone - I don't know who - was detailed to keep the "patsy" inside the building as the motorcade drove past. Truly would have been a natural as LHO's boss, but then maybe it was just as Roy Truly himself told us in an interview:

"Actually," he said, "the thing (assassination) was so simple that it wouldn't make a very interesting mystery story if they'd just printed nothing but the truth."

Is that a fact?

When we asked him where he was standing so we could locate him in our photos taken at the time showing the crowd in front of the TSBD, Truly answered, "I don't believe you'll be able to find me on any pictures that day...I know that I wasn't in any pictures that were taken that day at all." He ought to know.

The thing that really bothers me is just where Jack Dougherty was at the time of the shooting. Joe Ball does a lousy job when he questioned Dougherty and it's hard to figure just where he was. Sounds like he was on the fifth floor.

Confidentially, here are some excerpts from an interview we made with Dougherty.

3H 189 Norman
202 Jarman
219-220 Truly
273 - Reid

6H 329 Shelley
339 Lovellody
362 West
371 Molina
385 Piper

JACK DOUGHERTY
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- Q. Did anybody ever ask you why you didn't see a couple of other employees on the 5th floor at the time (of the shots)?
- A. No.
- Q. Did you know some guys were up on the 5th floor looking out the window?
- A. No, I didn't have no idea.

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- Q. When you were up on the sixth floor did you have occasion to see anything up on the 6th floor? - When you went up there?
- A. No. Ah, you see, when the officer asked me who the manager was - on the first floor - I told him it was Mr. Roy S. Truly. Well, he told me to go up there and see if you can find him.

So, I started on up - on each floor, you know - lookin around. And, ah, when I got to the sixth floor, well, ah, there was two skids on the right hand side, and ah, the, ah, rifle and the shells - them shell casings - were up between those two skids. That, that's where they found them.

- Q. Did you see them when you went up there?
- A. Ah, well - I just glanced at them and ah, and that's when I had to - the Dallas Police Department had me go on down to ah, the Dallas Police Department.
- Q. And they questioned you down there?
- A. Uh huh.

Hears one shot ~~from~~ floor above. (sixth floor.)

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- Q. He (Oswald) was having lunch in there too (with you in first floor lunch room)?
- A. No - I was downstairs having lunch and he was having lunch upstairs on two. (second floor)

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- Q. You said you went upstairs - when the FBI man sent you up there - did you see - you said you saw a gun up there?
- A. Well, ju-just the one he used. Up between two - two skids.
- Q. You saw a gun between two skids?
- A. Uh-huh. Yes.
- Q. And did you report that?
- A. An, I...
- Q. Do you remember if you reported it?
- A. Ah, it's kinda hard to say - I don't remember.
- Q. But is that the gun they eventually found up there on the sixth floor?
- A. Uh-huh, yes. They finally found it.
- Q. They eventually found that gun?
- A. Uh-huh, yes.

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- A. Oh, it was about one o'clock, I believe it was - they carried us on down to the Police Department.

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Sometimes I get the feeling that Jack Dougherty really screwed things up when he decided to have lunch then go back to work and not watch the parade. He says that after he finished lunch around 12:00 he went up to the sixth floor to fill some orders. Now that should make everybody's ears perk-up. Simple Jack Dougherty may just have been up there on that sixth floor when the shots were fired and that may have been a real problem. As I say, I just have this feeling about Dougherty that tells me he is important in this thing. For one thing I think he stumbled over the gun and the shells (nest) before the police spotted them. "Ju-just the one he used," said Jack modestly.

Enclosed please find some RFK newspaper slippings for your file.

Peace,



Fred