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Dear Mr. Pecheda,

The Metercade Route
Chapter One of the Garrison Ms.

Although I commented in considerable detail on Garrison's exposition of the metercade route in the enclosure to my letter of December 18th, I continued to feel uneasy about it and to wonder if I had done a truly complete analysis.

Today I finally localized the reason for my disquiet. It has to do with the top of page 18 of Chapter 1, where Garrison quotes from the deposition of Forrest Serrels to support his argument that metercades customarily went straight down Main Street without detouring to Houston and Elm.

For that quotation from Serrels, Garrison cites page 337 of Volume VII of the Warren Commission Hearings. I had checked that page to be sure that the quoted words actually appeared. They did appear.

However, I have now read that page in its entirety and I was appalled to find that in taking a short excerpt and quoting it out of context, Garrison has completely distorted and misrepresented the real meaning of Serrels' testimony. To show you what I mean, I have typed an exact copy of page 337, underlining the excerpts which Garrison used in his manuscript. The copy of that page is enclosed herewith.

It is unmistakably clear from the reading of the full page that the question was whether to take the Central Expressway or Main Street from Love Field to the Trade Mart. Having decided to take Main Street, Serrels and his colleagues intended at all times to make the detour from Main to Houston to Elm.

I am afraid that this removes any vestige of validity from Garrison's arguments about the metercade route and will require a complete revision of the relevant parts of the manuscript. I am sorry that I did not discover this on my first reading, but better late than never.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosure