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Dear Dr. Thompson:

I have your book but am letting a friend have the pleasure of reading it first since I cannot get to it right now. He just called a minute ago and made me promise to call your attention to the following which he finds significant:

- P. 142 - Com. 139, a picture of Oswald's rifle which shows the strap 3 sections wide near the butt end.
- P. 142 - Picture of Lt. Day carrying rifle from the Depository but cannot see strap.
- P. 222 - Apparently also Lt. Day still with the rifle but the strap does not seem the same as in Com. 139.

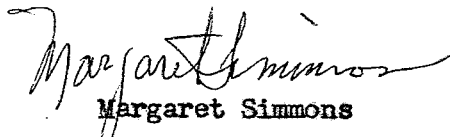
Unfortunately, even if the above is true, dozens of similar things have been pointed out without results. This people has lost its self-correcting mechanism and the press its moral indignation at being hood-winked and its glory in the big expose. These things combined compel me to face up to several things:

1. No matter how violent the impact of the expose and no matter how reasoned the critique, they have been and shall continue to be contained and effectively neutralized.
2. Garrison either was from the beginning a mere tool or he has also been effectively contained and neutralized.

This leaves only two possibilities of the truth being known in our time. One, something or someone will accidentally provide the answer. Two, a new element of stress on the guilty might produce and "accident". We have overlooked that time honored device—the device which has frequently worked when all else failed—the fantastic reward. For example, we wanted a MIG enough to offer a million dollars to the pilot ~~who~~ <sup>delivered</sup> one—we got several. It might be worth a try.

Good hunting.

Sincerely,

  
Margaret Simmons

cc: Sylvia Meagher