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Dear Tim,

I had a visitor last night who called my attention to a discrepancy between the text of a Commission Exhibit (CE 2108) as quoted in Six Seconds on page 132, and the text as it appears in the actual CE (24H538).

The document is an FBI interview of F. Lee Mudd. Where CE 2108 states "he noticed several broken windows on about the fourth floor, and the thought occurred to him..." the text in SSD states "he noted several broken windows on the fourth floor of the Dal-Tex Building, and the thought occurred to him..."

Similarly, in CE 2108, "...stated that when the shots were fired, they sounded as if they came from the direction of the building." In SSD, "...stated that when the shots were fired, they sounded as if they came from the direction of the Dal-Tex Building."

The inadvertent change of "noticed" to "noted" is hardly significant but the introduction of the words "Dal-Tex Building" as if they were in the original text was something that I could not explain to my guest—especially when CE 2108 explicitly states that Mudd's observations referred to a "building, which he later learned was the Texas School Book Depository."

I explained that while I checked your manuscript for factual errors, I did not go beyond checking to see that quoted material from the Hearings and Exhibits actually appeared in the volume and on the page cited, and did not make a word-by-word check of excerpt unless it struck me as somehow out of the way. In the case of the FBI report on F. Lee Mudd, the inclusion in your ms. of references to the Dal-Tex Building apparently did not strike me as discordant and I did not make an exact comparison with CE 2108, for which I must blame myself. Had I noticed the discrepancy, I would certainly not have remained silent.

Since I could not explain how the references to the Dal-Tex Building got into the text quoted in SSD, I promised that I would take this up with you and let my friend know your comments.

Sincerely,