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Dear Mr. Joy,

Your letter of 3/26 reaches me at a particularly busy moment so my response will be brief. I enclose a list of the books.

Your comment on the rifles and Latons is correct. You have perhaps forgotten that I went into the wood and metal in my first book. They could not, selectively, hold and not hold prints, could they?

What you say on Frazier and his firing and his error is also correct. I have a friend in Canada who has carried this much further. Frazier was less than honest. He testified to a 15-yar error, as I recall, as though it were what is true at 100, whereas the distance from target is much greater at the longer range.

Joesten is not worthy of serious consideration. He boils the pot, for whatever reason, firing it with the kindling of others. He adds but the most irresponsible conjecture.

I've heard similar things of Anyesworth. I'd like to have that tape if you ever know who has it. He has done other bad things. Other things bear on the time Tippit was shot, i.e., Rowley's statement he had made the broadcast before looking at his watch, when it was 1:10.

Hope the publisher decided to do what you have written. It is hard to be patient, but few of them respond rapidly.

Good luck and thanks.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Weisberg: I have never believed in that Carcano. I have seen a number of photographs of that stooge J.C. Day with the thing in his hands presumably en route from the Depository to the police sta. and it is definitely a Carcano or a counterfeit of one. But then there was ample time and space to make a substitution. Fritz had been on the Dallas police force since 1921 and you can't tell me that a man who has been on a Texas police force that long doesn't know a Mauser when he sees one. Besides how would one say "It looks like a Mauser to me", unless he had seen a Mauser to know it? And to a person with some knowledge of guns they just don't look enough alike for one to be mistaken for the other. As it happens I own a German made 8 mm Mauser made in 1944, the last goodyear the Nazis had, I am told. I also have a 7.35 mm. Carcano, which was standard in the Italian army before the 6.5 mm. was and both guns were standard in the Italian army in WW II. Also the two guns are externally identical and I do not doubt that the only difference is in the chamber and the bore of the barrel. 0.85 millimeter is less than 1/25 inch by a substantial margin so there would be no point in trying to reduce the amount of metal for the 6.5 mm. Of course the clip is ejected after the last round is fired...so where was that clip? And, of course, it wasn't true what Latons said about the "cheap metal" and "poor wood". The stock of my gun is hardwood, maple to be exact, and in excellent condition though the date of mfr. was 1939. The metal is about that of any other rifle and guns do not deteriorate much if reasonably well cared for. My Carcano is as good as it ever was, about, and they tell me hereabouts that it is a good deer rifle. I don't know since I only shoot but do not hunt. I am quite sure that the gun Weitzman and Boone found and Fritz identified was a Mauser, maybe a Mauser carbine which run from 38 inches in length down to about 36.75 inches. Such a carbine would fit that paper sack if anybody happened to be fool enough to make a paper sack to carry one in. I did not do any test firing myself but used Frazier's figures and they are enough to put his nose out of joint. I did wonder how it was that the sight placed the shots as much as 5 in. high and 5 in. to the right at 25 yards and at exactly the same distance at 100 yards. It didn't make sense but he still had a miss of about 10 inches; slow fire which not even an expert marksman could correct. That fellow lied his head off. I wonder that he ever told any truth at all but he did tell some.

There has never been much doubt in my mind that Oswald was an agent. Some of his letters would be pretty silly if he had not been and the guy wasn't silly. Having SA Hosty's home tel. no. and his car license number would seem to prove something. But I haven't looked into that angle much.

Joesten thinks Tippit killed Kennedy but he put him in the wrong sniper's post depending on what Brennan saw. But Brennan saw, at most, a man in a white shirt and could neither have described nor identified anybody. Then who killed Tippit, one of the four or so "look like" Oswalds moving around? There were marked differences but he must have looked a good bit like Oswald. Understand there is a tape recording of an interview with Aynesworth, the Dallas

News reporter, who said he got to the scene of the Tippit killing at 1:05 or not later than 1:10 and the man was dead. He was shot about 1:085 .. or between 1:08 and 1:09...unless the police radio log was off.

I tried all I could think of that conceivably might be interested in an article on the ballistic aspects, some of them at any rate, with no luck. So I thought I'd compile a volume as closely related to the Mauser, the Carcano and the S&W revolver as possible and trace the various supposed appearances and what happened there then analyze the "Views through the Rifle Scope" and the Kennedy Wounds and see what I came up with. I came up with a rather surprising amount of stuff in areas previously more or less covered and, of course, those portions not yet touched, including a study of the quality of the rifle. I sent out 20 some odd queries to publishers and, to my surprise, got a reply from a hard cover publisher saying he'd like to see what I had done. I sent it out just over a week ago. All the other publishers either did not answer or they said "No!"

If you don't mind, will you send me a list of the works you have published on the assassination and surrounding people and circumstances? I might want one of them.

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