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Dear Mr. Schneider:

Thank you for taking the time to write me about your reaction to CASE CLOSED, or at least part of it.

I am not entirely clear about what you're saying insofar as the paper bag Oswald carried into the Book Depository is concerned. First I should tell you that we know very well what Mrs. Randle said along with various other witnesses. Certainly, people described the bag at all different lengths, including as short as, say, eighteen inches.

You seem to believe that these accounts, remembered after the fact and certainly not witnessed at the time with any care, make some important difference. We know the rifle was missing after Oswald visited home that day. We know it was kept in a blanket. We know that the rifle was in the Depository with his fingerprints on it. A bag was found which is just the right size for the disassembled rifle to fit inside, and there were fibers in the bag which were similar to those of the blanket. There were no curtain rods found. In fact, Oswald didn't need curtain rods or any short bag such as some people described.

For what it's worth, CASE CLOSED is remarkable and, I think, quite convincing in the sense that it puts a scenario together that is pretty tight fitting all along in which a great many events and happenings are either fitted or they are not, and those that are not are shaky indeed. Did someone else bring in the rifle from the house (a quite impossible plan when you think about it), and plant the bag, and get rid of the curtain rods?

Anyway, I appreciate your writing.

Yours,

Robert D. Loomis

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