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Dear Mr. Thompson,

Thanks for your letter of the 6th and enclosures. I've already sent you Post Mortem I and III, insured.

That you saw on the Z camera seems right. The price is high, but they made few and for some unusual reason, is not less than the figure you quote anywhere of which I know. Except for de luxe features and the pushbottom zoom, all those are otherwise identical.

The 10 to 40 film scale is a film-speed scale only. Those were the ASA ratings on the films generally used in the days that camera was made. There were other films, but not in general use. For example, I used black-and-white 400-speed film before that camera was made. But in color, those were the ratings.

Z. did not make out an affidavit saying he was shooting at 24 fps. My only mistakes are when I trust anybody in government. That was what he was quoted as saying in an FBI report I printed. Actually, the film speed of that camera is quite variable, because it has a sliding control. It can shoot individual frames, can slide from that into 48 fps, etc. So, we still not really know.

On Post Mortem, I accept your word, and we both interpret this as no exceptions. There are those you trust who I do not, not because they are crooked but because they have lost their balance. I don't want any of this used in any way because the potential for harm can be great from partial use or from misuse.

Much as I need money, there is too great a chance of counter-productive use to warrant sale of mimeographed copies. And we can't take time from constructive work for mimeographing.

Believe me, Joesten is insane. He is incapable ~~of~~ of original work, retails his own exaggerations of others', or his misunderstanding of others. As of the last evidence, he didn't even have the 26 volumes. He knows nothing of that of which you write. Unless you want to collect what belongs in a toilet, hold off on sending him \$50.00 until you see and read what you are getting.

Viewing the photos is now much less important than you can presently understand. Knowledge has advanced far past what most "buffs" can begin to appreciate.

Sincerely,