

May 5, 1967

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Dear Mr. Wright:

I am looking forward to receiving the package referred to in your undated letter postmarked April 29. Your information is quite interesting to me, as are your opinions.

When next I have an opportunity, I will look for the white spot on the windshield on the Zapruder film. The windshield was changed afterwards, as I report in WHITEWASH.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

Dear Mr. Weisberg,

I'm complying with your request under separate cover. I'd appreciate it if you would control the opening of the box yourself, since I'm not sure but that the Post Office people would take a dim view of the transmittal.

There are many questions that could be asked about these items, and I'll of course do this on request, if I can, but here are a few observations:

1. Both were purchased fresh and new in 1963 or 1962. My interest in such matters having declined to zero in November of '63.

2. Norma also made a 139 grain version, but unless I'm mixing things up, the 156 grain item is being sent. It's hard to be sure, but it at present came out of that box, namely the 156 6.5 case.

3. The 7.65 came only in 150 grains, yet it is by far the most powerful cartridge, approaching the 30-06 in respect of both muzzle velocity and energy (ft-lbs). The 6.5 is barely in the league of legitimate cartridges for animals weighing over 100 lbs. Even so, anyone would choose the 156 over the 139 6.5 for such targets.

4. The jackets on the items are provided to make the sure the projectile will stay together long enough to do some damage. Without them, disintegration could easily occur on impact.

5. These are hunting loads, meant to kill, while military ammo contains more brass in the jackets, being meant to wound, and thus tie up more enemy personnel.

6. The real mystery ^{is how} about the bullet whose photograph was printed in your book was obtained. It's damn hard to get an item like that even firing into water, yet it has rifling marks. Of one thing we can be absolutely sure: that slug did no damage to any living or non-living thing. I don't speak as a particular authority here, but anyone with the slightest knowledge of this subject will testify the same way, and frankly, this is, and has been a real puzzle to me. Except for this one item, it seems to me 'smart money' was in back of this murder. But such mentalities have an instinct for buying accurately what they do not possess. Planted, that thing was the absolute apotheosis of stupidity.

7. Norma's index number for the 6.5 is 22, and for the 7.65 is 187.

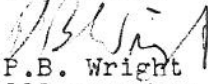
Finally, thank you for your letter, and of course you are correct in believing that we must all do what we can. I do write - about everybody. My Senators answer obliquely, Fulbright and Morse incisively, Johnson not at all. Most of my correspondence in such matters deals with Vietnam (I'm anti-) and it is appalling. Nevertheless, the work you are doing is vital, and I'm eager to support it. In fact, I directly connect the assassination with escalation in Asia.

Would you mind taking another look at the Zapruder films? It seems to me that there is a white spot after the shooting in the windshield, that was not there before. Also, a New Republic article says that the glass was changed after the horrible event. They also reported that the rifle found was cleaned or had

not been fired. If military ammo was used, this is impossible, and unlikely in any case.

Good luck, and God bless your efforts,

Cordially,

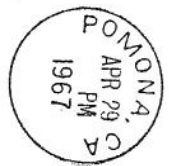

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