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Dear Dick,

In a few before-had moment I've scanned the first three-dozen pages of Frazier's New Orleans testimony. I believe John said he was also sending you a copy. I have written him and asked his okay, even though he gave me this, to lend it to Gary and Paul in case they want to copy. And you if he hasn't a copy for you.

I think this will excite you for a variety of reasons. I've started making notes on tape as I read it. However, he testified to an ejection pattern that is entirely inconsistent with our own work: 90 degrees to line of barrel when horizontal, 80 degree when depressed ~~3~~ 45 degrees.

Gary and Paul may not understand this (I'm sending them copies), but in order ~~to~~ to duplicate the dents we found on the forward edges of the empty shells we had to operate the rifle very fast. This is what had to have happened when the rifle was (theoretically) fired during the assassination, and then the pattern was close to 180 degrees and God knows what it would have been had it not been stopped by the rifle when it spun back.

He also testified to bolt marks on the entire end of the cases, not just the primers, which is inconsistent with my recollection of his Commission testimony, where he said he "noted" none.

He testified to comparison-microscope use on the fragments and 399, but I recall no such pictures in evidence.

Blood and tissue all over the car, from the radiator adornment to and including the trunk and on both outside sides of the car. From a defect limited to the right side of the head?

Let me know if you get a copy. If you do not, I'll see if I can read this more rapidly (I've reduced my working day and want to concentrate on writing) and get Lil to type the notes. Without having read the whole thing through, analysis will be less likely now, but the things I'll not will mean something to you, I believe.

Hastily,