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Dear Bill,

Your very interesting letter of the 26 came yesterday, when I read it. I'll try to respond before the mailman comes.

There is too much we do not know about the medical and ballistics evidence. We know more about what is not true than about what is true. This means we have to work backwards in trying to figure things out.

I have always felt that small-calibre ammo was used. This is what excited me so about your M15 theory. Now when you talk about 22s, while I am not all that familiar with what is available, from the first I wondered about a Hornet, perhaps with varminting loads or even special rounds designed to fragment more rapidly and completely.

I do have trouble believing pistols were used, and I do with slow velocities.

One of my purposes in Post Mortem was to destroy the official mythology as totally as possible. I believe I have done this, beyond mending, the problem being lack of attention.

There never has been any question in my mind. There has to have been a cross-fire, with one or more shots from the front. (By the way, you seem not to have taken up on the dispersal of so many small fragments in the right front, as I am pretty sure I note in Post Mortem. Does that not eliminate, to a degree? Those 40 dust-like particles. Could they possibly have come from a rear wound and had this dispersal pattern? I think not.)

I think it would be helpful if you continued your thinking and asking around your original concept and variations on it.

There is no change in my limitations. However, I do keep working and am fairly productive. While travel is not as easy, it is possible and I am now making appearances again. I'd like to get back to Dallas, if you know any college that would engage me to speak. This also would give us a chance to talk more. And we a chance to pick up on a number of things I had to abandon last time I was there. I think I can now carry them farther if I have a few days.

I'm still active in court and am continuing to force things out. But this means much work.

Thanks and best,