

Dear Mr. Johnson,

8/30/94

I'm sorry I do not remember whether there was a swab test on the rifle.

I do recall that there was none on the one allegedly used in the "ing assassination in which, I am confident, it was not used.

Paul Hoch, at 1525 Acton, Berkeley, CA 94702 may recall.

Although I have all the test results it is not possible for me to check them now.

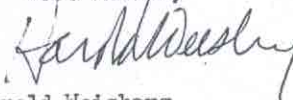
A FOIA request of the Archives or the FBI should provide the results of all tests made on the rifle.

After my first two contacts with HSCA, the only direct ones, I referred to them as the House assassins committee and have seen no reason to change either my thinking or what I say and write. They never investigated the crime itself, never began to, and did begin with the intent to defend the official mythology. As you will see when you read Balkoy's narrations at the beginning of each session. *Who mentioning me lol then*

I have made little use of their work. Other than what they had and did not use.

Depends on where in Washington you start how far away we are. I am no longer a judge of time because of traffic changes since I last was able to drive there, in 1977. But with no traffic obstructions or delay, I think we are 45 minutes or less from where I495 becomes the southern spur of I270. That is just above the "iver Road 495 exit.

Best wishes,



Harold Weisberg

Although I am not a lawyer I know of no real proof that the rifle was actually used in the crime. I think it is, from the misrepresented official evidence only, clear that Oswald fired nothing from that window—could not have.

So do not be surprised if there was no swab test. That is what I seem to remember but I am not certain of my recollection.

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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I thank you very much for your letter of 8-13-94.

In the reading of your books, as well as other literature, I have never come across a statement that I recall concerning whether or not there was rifle gunshot residue in the barrel of the Mannlicher-Carcano allegedly used by Oswald. Did the Dallas police, Secret Service or F.B.I. ever verify that rifle shot residue was in the barrel after the alleged firing?

I have purchased the volumes of the HSCA investigation and I am preparing to read them. What are your comments about the results of that investigation?

How far do you live from Washington, D.C.?

I am enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope for your response and I am going to personally check it to make sure that it is enclosed.

Warmest regards,


James P. Johnston

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