

Mr. John Mastland
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7/25/92

Dear John,

In haste so I can perhaps save a couple of days by mailing this as we go to Diana's, the test for which I need a citation, if not a copy, is the shooting test not for medical purposes but to try to duplicate the shooting attributed to Oswald.

It was at Aberdeen but may not have been by the Army.

The shooters were IRA "master" shots, so it may have a file, if you have friends there. (I did hear years ago that it had its own file on the JFK assassination.) As I recall, they were provided by the IRA.

They were on a platform only 30 feet above the ground. The targets were fixed, which made it a little easier.

Records of each shooter were kept, including misfires and times.

I did have the report you mention but haven't seen it in years. Not that one.

And Olivier and Dzilemian did not mention the test that interest me in their testimony..

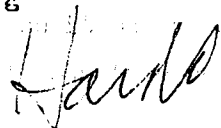
I think I read it in the exhibits after I published Whitewash.

It is not in Meagher's index. I checked that.

Again thanks,

sincerely,

Harold Weisberg



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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Thank you very much for the JAMA article...you were correct, it is an *ex cathedra* masterpiece.

RE. the information on the rifle...I'm not exactly certain as to what it is that your seeking but there was a report published in March 1965 by the Chemical Research and Development Laboratories of Edgewood Arsenal entitled *Wound Ballistics of 6.5mm Mannlicher-Carcano Ammunition*. It was prepared by Olivier and Dziemian and was report CRDLR 3264.

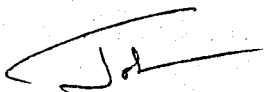
I don't have a copy, or at least I don't think I have it, unless it's hidden amongst this microfilm. I'll be back at work on Monday and will call Edgewood and the Army Materiel Command to see if I can track it down for you...if successful I'll give you a call.

I quickly scanned Olivier and Dziemian's testimony in Volume V and didn't see any reference to a CE relating to their work...may have missed it...and there aren't any exhibits listed under their names...

If I'm not on the right track regarding the rifle drop me line.

Regards to Mrs. Weisberg.

Sincerely,



John W. Masland