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Dear Phil,

In your letter of 8/27 you ask about the name Lohmeyer, variant Lohmyer, and say this is important to you in searching for the origin of the name. Search no more. He knew the Rays, he is a real person, and the FBI located him at San Jose, Ca., and interviewed him at least twice. The reinterview was 4/23/68. I have this record from both FBIHQ and Memphis files. Springfield provided his criminal record and the identification of his relatives. He is from Quincy, Ill.

To the best of my recollection, Jimmie never used a made-up alias. It was always a real name he had ways of recalling.

Aside from a trace of Canadian aliases, what real purpose can you serve by taking time for the others, meaning, in fact, duplicating what is done, too?

There are still other misspellings, like E Lomeier. But there is not doubt at all that Jimmie bought the rifle, so intending to help you, I ask what is your point? What of significance could you expect to learn?

All the Rays are terrible at spelling. Jimmie still write "Roual."

I don't remember so I'm not checking to see if there is a written signature in the rifle purchase.

Your letter has a Providence postmark in cancellation and an 8/29 one by Denver. All things considered, it got here fast. I am not suggesting that I see anything unusual. Unless you did not mail it at Providence.

Best wishes,

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August 27, 1984

Dear Harold,

A point of confusion that you may be able to help me with: the name that was used to purchase the rifle alleged to be the MLK murder weapon. HSCA Report says it was Harvey Lowmeyer; but the FBI's press release about Eric Starvo Galt says he used the alias Harvey Lowmyer. CIA memos pick up this FBI data and spell it Lowmyer.

Is there a written signature in connection with the rifle purchase or are these phonetic spellings? Is Lowmeyer or Lowmyer accurate? This is important to me in searching for the origin of the name.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be the name "Phil".