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Dear Mrs. Orr,

Thanks for your phone call and letter of the 15th., which I do not have time to really answer.

It is not Seth Kantor, a reporter, but Warren Caster who had the rifles in the building.

It is kind of you to take the time to let me know what you think. And it is awful not to have enough time to really answer letters any more.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

December 15, 1966

Dear Mrs. Weisberg:

It was so nice of you to take the time for my telephone call last night. It was completely out of character for me to make that kind of call and I had real doubts about doing it. You were most gracious.

I think I mentioned to you that I just might go ahead and stick things down on paper that I had noticed and had chewed around on. Here they are:

1. If revolver (ordered from Seaport Traders, Inc., California) order was dated and sent on January 27 and the order for rifle (ordered from Klein's, Chicago) was received by them "sometime after March 13", isn't it strange that both were shipped on March 20?
2. Did Seth Kantor (the fellow employee of Oswald's who brought two rifles to work a few days before the assassination), by any chance, ask Troy Eugene West (who was very proud of his exclusive dominion over the tape and paper machines and insists that nobody got near ^{them} ~~it~~) for a length of each material for his, Kantor's, rifles. Someone obviously did get the material and it had to be someone who was either authorized during working hours, or who could come in after working hours and use the paper and tape. Was there a watchman there during the night? Such as a retired policeman. Or did the police keep an eye on the place and check the inside of the building at night? Dougherty was said to have extra duties and came to work an hour earlier than the rest of the employees at the Book Depository. Does he know anything about the paper and tape dispensing machines? Who might have had access to them before Troy West arrived in the morning?
3. Frame 207 of the Zapruder film has been spliced. The two men whose shadows on the grass of Frame 207 are full-blown had not begun to cast shadows on Frame 206. It would seem that the bottom of Frame 207 was taken from a frame that was much later in the sequence. Then, the top of Frame 207 was used again to make the top of 212. I would say, from examination of Frame 206, that Kennedy had been shot by then. The top of his head is visible and he is facing forward by then. Also, Mrs. Kennedy has begun to look at him with her head in the same position as it is in when she emerges from behind the sign. I'd give anything to see the frames between 193 and 206.
4. As Mr. Weisberg says, there is all kinds of intelligence on the right side of the Altgens still picture. Clearly discernible is a figure in a third-floor window opening onto the fire escape of the Dal-Tex Building. It looks very much like a man standing just inside of the left window frame. Something, either an object or the shadow of an object, makes a break in the outside of that window frame. In the second-floor window and to the right of the fire escape, one of the people

seems to be looking up. He has his right hand braced on the window sill and his left hand seems to have a hold on the bottom of the raised window sash so that he won't fall out. It looks as if someone is kneeling on the window sill at the right of the window. I can't figure out the mess in the middle of the window opening. It looks as if one person is helping another one into the window, perhaps.

A shot fired from a window of the Dal-Tex Building before Frame 210 would make the "45 to 60-degree angle" of the back wound of the FBI autopsy. Supposedly, it is the front-of-the-neck wound reaction that is depicted in the Altgens photo, but it doesn't look to me as if he has his hands at his throat really. He could have just lurched forward and brought his hands up in order to lean his arms on the back of the jump seat after being hit in the back. (That sentence is a mess, but I hope it makes some sense.) I think it was Kellerman who said that Kene dy spoke after the first shot, but a throat wound would have made that improbable if not impossible. He could have spoken after a back wound.

5. Does it seem strange to anyone besides me that Michael Paine was supporting, in effect, Marina and two children and feeding Lee Harvey Oswald weekends? He was separated from his wife and was probably supporting that household besides supporting himself elsewhere. It seems to me that any ordinary man would balk at this arrangement. I'm sure my husband would.
6. Richard Stovall was one of the officers who searched the Paine's garage. The photographs and negative(s) were found there presumably. The name of the photography firm for whom Oswald worked was Jaggars-Chiles-Stovall. Any relationship between these two Stovalls? This may be far-fetched, but Oswald is supposed to have had access to the photographic equipment to make his "Hidell" identification. By the same token, anyone employed by that firm could have done the same thing if Oswald were required to turn over his Selective Service and Marine Corps cards and submit a picture. It was strange that the "Hidell" card has his picture (the same picture as Commission Exhibit 2892, that is labeled as taken in Minsk, incidentally). Evidently, the regularly used Selective Service classification form does not include a picture, but the "Hidell" card-maker found this necessary. This, of course, would tie Oswald to Hidell lest there should be any doubt.
7. Roy Truly could not be shaken from his statement that, at the time he reported Oswald not present among the employees, the rifle had already been found. He also stated that it was before one o'clock. The rifle was reportedly discovered at about 1:20. Could Truly have stumbled into the finding of the Mauser?
8. The application form 1093 for a post office box states: "3. The use of the box is restricted to one individual, family, firm, or corporation, and it may serve only for the delivery of mail addressed in the name of the holder, members of his immediate family, or, in the case of a firm, such members or employees as may be entitled to receive mail therein...." It would seem that Marina and Hidell or the F.P. for Cuba could ^{not} be fit into this regulation.

9. I'm really intrigued with Sgt. Hill's radioed message, "have a man in the car with me who can identify suspect if anybody gets one." What happened to this man? Where was he when Hill went to the Texas Theatre? Did he wait in the car? Did he go in the theatre with the police? It makes me wonder if he flatly said that it was not the man at the Tippitt murder scene. He just seems to have quietly faded away sometime after the build-up Hill had given him.

Well, so much for my ravings! I'm sure that the things I've dredged up have already been thought of by those of you who have been living and breathing this thing for so long. But, just in case something might have registered with me that you didn't notice, here it is on paper. Ignore the whole thing if there's nothing there and don't bother to acknowledge this note. I know you're both far too busy to keep up with that sort of thing.

Sincerely,

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(Mrs. S. C. Orr)

P.S.

Enclosed is a check for a copy of "Whitewash II." I think you said it was the same price as the first one. \$5.50 should cover. If you have a mailing list, may I be put on it? Also, if there's anything I can do from here, let me know. I have this poor old beaten-up portable typewriter and can address envelopes and foot the cost of postage for mailing.

S.S.O.

I didn't want this to be on the same paper with the other stuff. It strikes me as downright weird. It is something I ~~paste~~ in my scrapbook when it appeared in one of the St. Louis papers.

"Johnson Wrote Girl 91st Psalm Was Favorite Bible Passage

Union, N.J., Dec. 4 -- Shortly before Lyndon B. Johnson became President, he wrote a teen-age girl that his favorite Bible passage was the ninety-first Psalm.

Mr. Johnson, replying to the girl's request for his favorite passage, wrote just 16 days before the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The words Mr. Johnson quoted were:

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor the arrow that flyeth by day;
Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. *underlining mine*
A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.
Only with thine eyes shall thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.
Because thou has made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most high, thy habitation."

Nancy Miller, 14 years old, said that she wrote to Mr. Johnson in early November as part of a project of a confirmation class at Temple Beth-el in Elizabeth, New Jersey.

After citing the passage, Mr. Johnson wrote that he did not interpret the words as meaning that those who believe in the Lord shall go through life without difficulty, pain or sorrow.

"But I do feel," he said, "that they are an eternal promise that those who truly believe in the Lord shall be given strength to face adversity, no matter how great and to accept trouble with the serenity which is the ultimate triumph of a Christian."

There is a picture of Nancy Miller with the article. It is an Associated Press Wirephoto.

Interesting, what? *I wasn't real sticking this in here. It's really way out, I know. If Johnson were in on the assassination, it would be significant.*

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