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Mr. Bill Elder, WFL-TV
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Dear both,

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When I was working in New Orleans early/month and you both helped me, I suggested to both of you that the name "Tarsikes" might eventually hold some interest for you. I am now in a position to tell you a little more. Enclosed are copies of two Secret Service reports not mentioned in the Warren Report. Both deal with Mrs. John Tarsikes, wife of a San Antonio newspaper photographer and your footage.

I regret these reports are not more distinct. They are, actually, more legible than my originals because I can overexpose on my copier and blacken the typing.

There are things in these reports I cannot readily explain, such as how Mrs. Tarsikes saw NBC footage that originated with CBS, or how the footage was sent to San Antonio earlier than the existing federal records show it to have been copied.

While at first glance what Mrs. Tarsikes reports may seem unlikely, let me assure you that the description of the man she gives - and gave before she could have obtained it from any other source - almost perfectly coincides with many others. Eliminate "German or Bohemian" as the suggested ethnic origin and it is exactly the description of the man so often seen with Oswald and in New Orleans. Dean Andrews said he "could have gone to first city". Mrs Tarsikes says he had a cauliflower ear.

I recall no such existing scene in the footage each of you showed me. If you fed the net, would there be an existing net videotape?

What is also remarkable is this: the other scene Mrs. Tarsikes describes was captured on film by the Dallas newspapers. I have a series of these pictures. It is remotely possible I have the picture of the man against or getting into the car from a still.

If and when I learn more I'll,also send that for your information. If either of you can offer any help or suggestions on this, I would appreciate hearing from you.

Hope you both have a good holiday.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Weisberg