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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Washburn,

It was both a very pleasant surprise and a disappointment to see you at the SF meeting. Good, very good to see you, and wonderful that you made the trip. But it was a disappointment to me to see you had gone after we'd said only hello when the crowd thinned. I suppose it was a long trip back. As soon as we can make up a package, we'll send you the books. They are on consignment, but I'll bill you for your records and ours. It will be as close to the number as whatever box we have will carry best.

The Zapruder frames are not misnumbered. What I was saying is that if Liebeler did not mislocate Altgens position, it would seem that when the President was at Frame 255, the point represented by the Altgens picture, he was actually at the point represented to the Commission by the FBI as where Frame 210 is.

There still remains the possibility that Liebeler was wrong, and that there is a road stripe hidden under the President's follow-up car.

Hope this clarifies it for you. If Liebeler is wrong, then there is a hidden stripe,

Wish I had time for more. Thanks for everything. Getting behind on WHITEWASH III, on which interest continues high.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

Dear Sir,

I put 25 copies of Whitewash "2" out on consignment. If you are willing to take a chance I can put out 25 more copies on consignment. In fact, I could use 30 copies as some of them I can sell on my own.

Your talk in San Francisco was very interesting and also well attended. At first I was afraid the crowd was going to be small but that was because in our eagerness we were a bit early.

Most Respectfully

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P.S.

We noticed in WW 2 that you said Altgens picture coincides with frame 255 Zapruder. You then said the F.B.I. placed the car at frame 210 at this point. The Warren commission placed the Altgens picture at frame 255 Zapruder. According to our calculations the Presidents car is at the same point that Altgens picture shows when frame 210 Zapruder is shown. Just entering the 4th road stripe.

After putting in 25 or more man hours on WW2 we are still not clear what you mean here. <sup>are</sup> ~~is~~ the Zapruder film frames misnumbered? Is their ~~is~~ frame 210 (F.B.I.) actually frame 255 as the Altgens picture shows or is the Altgens picture coincidental with frame 210 as Altgens says and not frame 255 Zapruder as the commission states? If the Altgens <sup>picture</sup> is at frame 255 Zapruder we have found by demonstration that it takes approx. 2 seconds to open a car door such as the Vice-Presidents guard car door is in position. This takes 36.6 frames or 48 frames depending on which film speed is correct. If 24fps is the correct film speed this places the shot that hit the President first at frame 207 which coincides with the Warren report. However, if Altgens picture was taken at frame 210 Zapruder as Altgens says and which the ~~the~~ fourth road stripe indicates then the shot was fired

at frame 162 by our reckoning. Our problem is that we understand you to say that the Zapruder frames are misnumbered but, as far as we can find, you don't say this. <sup>IN THE BOOKS,</sup> Would you, at your own convenience, clarify your position on this so we can stop worrying ourselves about it.

After this was written it was brought to my attention that the commission states the Altgens picture was taken 2 seconds after the shot was fired that hit the President in the back. This coincides with the time required to open the car door of the V.P. guard ~~xxx~~ car. At any rate we would appreciate some explanation on this so we can stop fighting among ourselves. For awhile one theory had it that you inadvertantly transposed the words "frame 255" and "frame 210". This was subsequently disproved as you have consistently followed your avowed line of reasoning.

Yours in Dissent,

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