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Dear Cyril,

Several days ago I wrote about a theory Dick Heinzel wants to explore further than his own experiences allow possible. I had suggested that he seek your opinion. He has drafted what he has in mind and I enclose it.

Dick is an authentic amateur expert on firearms and ballistics. He has been very helpful to me in these areas and everything he has told me has the confirmation of professionals, for I have sought it. I have found his explanations more complete and more lucid.

Further, unlike some of our brethren, he does try and improve what he writes on, having a genuinely scholarly attitude, as befits a classicist. One example that might interest you is the entirely unexplained dents on the mouths of two shells found at the TEBB. We worked on this together. In the end we proved what the FBI did not, that it is possible, with that weapon, to so dent the shells in operating the weapon.

In fact, I still have our test shells, with similar dents. This is only part of what went with shells. The rest is incomplete but at one point where a shell, after some of the verbiage, claims the evidence said to have been produced with a comparison microscope would.

Dick is right in suggesting I may want to see this in print. I am also gratified closer to that point. And my collection of the writings of the gentlemen concerned grows, interestingly. Asking them questions about some of their writings should be entertaining and just might be productive of something more than merely their embarrassment. Your great and good friend and mentor, for example, was so uncertain of his own conclusions he conducted experiments with observers after reporting and writes he was able to do the thing that is impossible save with the total destruction of the Warren Report. In saying he did it he also says the Report is invalid, but he is careful not to state this in his letters. Of course, it is also in contradiction to what he signed, but this seemingly troubles him little.

Do you know anything about his assistant Spitz?

Thanks for your trouble.

Sincerely

Harold Weisberg