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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Thank you very much for your letter of December 20th. I am sorry I have not written earlier, but I have been extremely busy and I also had a bad cold.

Enclosed please find a check for the purchase of the books I have indicated on the order form.

I appreciate very much the fact that you went to so much trouble to write me such a detailed and comprehensive letter. I am trying to discover what I can about Mrs. Jean Davison and I will let you know what I find. It may be that she is related to the president of this University, Mr. Fred Davison.

There are several matters I would like to raise with you because, as far as I can, see you are among the most knowledgeable persons on the Kennedy assassination. First, I wonder what you think of the Kurtz book, The Crime of the Century. I was very impressed, although he claims erroneously that you have failed to properly evaluate the valuable information you have discovered. He also makes another mistake which almost all writers on the assassination also make. He says that on November 15, 1963 when President Kennedy visited Miami, that the President was taken from the airport to a Miami Beach hotel via helicopter. I know for certain that that is not true. I was a young man in Miami that Friday, one week before the assassination, and I went to Miami Beach and watched President Kennedy drive by in a limousine in a motorcade. I should add that I remember distinctly that the motorcade was travelling at a very fast clip, and so I got only a glimpse of the President as he sped by. It is therefore not true that the President flew to his speaking engagement in Miami from the airport. I also wonder in light of the speed of the motorcade that day, why the motorcade was driving so slowly in Dallas a week later.

Second, what do you know about the Justice Department analysis of the Dallas motorcycle tape recording? Do you agree that the House Assassinations Committee was wrong in relying on the tape?

Third, you give a different explanation for the cancellation of President Kennedy's visit to Chicago in 1963. Are you saying that assassination threats had nothing whatsoever to do with the cancellation? If so, how did the mythology about the cancellation arise?

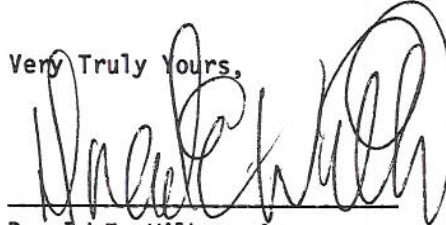
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Fourth, I don't understand why you think that the criticisms of the Secret Service in Dallas are baseless. Don't you think that the agents in President Kennedy's car acted negligently? Don't you agree with the House Committee that the arrangements for the motorcade and the way it was actually conducted were negligent and out of the ordinary?

Fifth, to your knowledge is there a test for determining whether a firearm has been fired recently? If so, was such a test performed on the rifle found in the Depository Building and what were the results? If no such test was performed, why not?

I hope that we can keep in touch in the future, and thank you for giving me your phone number. You can be sure that I will call you from time to time, and I hope that you will call me sometime. My home phone is (404) 549-8986; my office number is (404) 542-7661.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald E. Wilkes, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Donald E. Wilkes, Jr.
Professor of Law

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