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Dear Sir:

Perhaps my letter of May 17, was not delivered to you, although the registered mail receipt shows that it was received by someone. Having read your testimony which appears in Volume XI of the Hearings of the Warren Commission, I had several questions that I wanted to ask you.

First, I wanted to know it at the time you gave your testimony, you were familiar with the type of rifle referred to as a Model 91/38 Mannlicher-Carcano short rifle of caliber 6.5x52 MM. Did you have an opportunity to examine the actual exhibit?

Last, the type of telescopic sight that was mounted on the alleged assassination weapon was said to be a 4x18 power scope, which is a type that is usually intended for use on .22 Caliber rifles. Would you say that this type of scope would be more preferable for sniper work on a high-powered rifle than one of 4x30 or 4x40 power, which is usually mounted on big-game rifles?

If you are not at liberty to comment on the matter, I would appreciate it very much if you could let me know if you personally receive this letter.

Very truly yours,