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Dear Mr. Lane:

This is in reply to your letter of April 29, 1964.

With reference to the story concerning the janitor who allegedly saw Oswald pull the trigger, you state in your letter that you have information that this story was deliberately planted by an agent of the Secret Service. We would appreciate receiving all information in your possession concerning this incident including the names of the agents involved, the persons to whom the information was given, and any further relevant details.

We would also like to receive from you the details of the encounter with two special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to which you refer in the fifth paragraph of your letter.

Concerning the statements which you claim Mrs. Markham made to you, the Commission has heard the testimony of Mrs. Markham and she has denied both the substance of the alleged conversation with you and the fact that such a conversation ever took place. We would appreciate receiving from you any documentary records you have in your possession which would substantiate that you had the conversation with Mrs. Markham referred to in your testimony as well as any evidence in your possession to support your statement that Mrs. Markham described the killer of Officer Tippit as a person who was short and had bushy hair.

The Commission is still most anxious to obtain the name of your source of information concerning the alleged meeting between Jack Ruby, Officer Tippit and Bernard Weissman. Your letter indicates that you are attempting once again to obtain permission from your source to reveal his name. We hope that you will be in a position promptly to advise the Commission on this matter.

Sincerely,

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