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It is pointed out that the grouping of the shots in the targets shows an inherent carability of great accuracy under rapid fire conditions. No other significance whatever can be attached to these tests since there is no way of determining whether the present condition of the telescopic sight is the same as at the time of the assassination.

It is to be noted that at the time of firing these tests, the telescopic sight could not be properly aligned with the target since the sight reached the limit of its adjustment before reaching accurate alignment. The present error in alignment, if it did exist at the time of the assassination, would be in favor of the shooter since the weapon is presently grouping slightly high and to the right with respect to the point of aim, and would have tended to reduce the need for "leading" a moving target in aiming the rifle.

With respect to the ejection patterns, it is further noted that these patterns show only the distribution of the point of impact of the ejected cartridge cases on the floor under the stated conditions, and do not at all represent the ultimate location at which ejected cartridge cases may eventually come to rest, since the cases ricochet in an unpredictable manner upon impact with the floor and may roll for many feet before eventually coming to rest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edyan Hoover

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BY COURIER SERVICE

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Dear Mr. Rankin:

This is in reply to your letter of June 9, 1964, and confirms the telephone conversation between Mr. Sebastian F. Latona of the FBI Identification Division and Mr. Melvin Eisenberg of your staff on June 12, 1964.

Only one of the six photographs prepared by Mr. Latona showing latent prints identified as those of Lee Harvey Oswald contains more than one latent print. This photograph is the Commission's Exhibit Number 644. A copy of this photograph shows the number "25" and is one of those furnished for the use of the New York City expert. Three latent fingerprints appear in this photograph. Two of these impressions are not those of Lee Harvey Oswald. The third latent fingerprint, which appears in the center of the three, is identical with the right index fingerprint of Lee Harvey Oswald.

J. Edgar Howers

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