Very truly yours,

Joy Wurl Secretary to Joseph A. Ball

(1) The unidentified man picking up a bullet seen in some Murray and Allen photos (see Cover Up, written by Gary Shaw, pp. 72-73).

**Bowles, Jim**

In 1963, Bowles was a D.P.D. sergeant. Today he is the Dallas Sheriff.

October 3, 1990

Question: I enclosed two photos of a man waiting for a station wagon some minutes after the assassination (published in COVER-UP, Gary Shaw). You can see a man on the grassy knoll and the station wagon coming toward him.

**BOWLES**: How could anyone seem to be waiting for a station wagon? Perhaps they were as easily waiting for a...whatever. If you are thinking about the station wagon which was supposed to have been seen leaving the area, there could have been several, as they were quite popular here. It definitely was not Oswald, as he was positively identified by the bus driver, and his presence (Oswald's) was presumed confirmed by the bus transfer slip in Oswald's possession. The transfer was in Oswald's possession when he was arrested, and he made no alibi to disclaim ownership. Further, the transfer was traced to that bus operator, and it was a timely issue.

Question: Do you know about Deputy Sheriff Harry Weatherford waiting on the roof of a building near assassination site with a rifle?
BOWLES: Yes, Harry Weatherford was on the roof with a second deputy, and he had a rifle. They were assigned there for security. My first recollection of the suggestion that Weatherford might have been implicated was from the imagination of Penn Jones who, so far as I know, never worried about the other deputy. It would seem strange that a hit man would be stationed with a living witness. It does not fit reason.

Question: Were there any rifles on the roof of the Texas School Book Depository?

BOWLES: There was no rifle on the roof. The only weapon found at the Texas School Book Depository was Oswald's Italian Carcano and the wrapper it had been concealed in, but no curtain rods anywhere. All the references to a Mauser were the erroneous comment made by an unqualified observer. That person vaguely (meaning he had no personal knowledge) called the rifle a Mauser, as opposed to, say a 30-30, or a 30-06 or a .22 or what ever. In truth, he had no specific or factual reason to say Mauser; he just said it, and everyone zeroed in as though that individual suddenly became the world's most renowned firearms identification expert. This was an inaccurate statement on his singular part. There was no Mauser.

Question: I enclosed a photo of a man picking up a bullet in the grass on Elm Street. Do you know the man?

BOWLES: I cannot reply to your scenario about Buddy Walthers and any others and anything they might have picked up, or, if anything, its disposition.

Question: Were the bullet casings found at the Tippit murder scene were from a revolver or automatic pistol? A witness of the murder first said that he could not say that Oswald was the one who shot Tippit. Some months later, he was shot in the head by Darrell Wayne Garner. Afterwards, the witness could identify Oswald as the shooter.

BOWLES: The empty casings found where Oswald dumped them were a mixed assortment of .38's, the incorrect manufacturer for the UK licensed Smith & Wesson revolver purchased by, and in the possession of Lee Oswald when he was arrested. Further, the gun had been reloaded with, and Oswald had in his pockets, the same collection of ammunition. There is no factual record of any officer finding .45 casings. I have no knowledge of Darrell Wayne Garner. To the contrary, it is rather conclusive that Oswald shot Tippit.

Question: There was a clipboard in Tippit's car. Do you know where it is?

BOWLES: Who said that Tippit had a clipboard? There were no city issue clipboards, and it was not all that common for an officer to have one.

Question: I enclosed a photocopy of a page of a book (The Crime of the Century), a Dallas Police Department document says that just days before November 22, 1963, two policemen saw somebody aiming a rifle on the grassy knoll.

BOWLES: Advance staff of the Secret service, with Dallas P.D. Intelligence officers scouted the route to determine what safe guards were appropriate. I seem to recall one of these people pointing to the east. According to one's imagination, he could have been 'pointing' rather than 'aiming'. As a consequence of this routine security check, two uniformed officers were assigned to guard the
railroad overpass. They were not carrying a rifle, and I don’t remember that they were not publicly named. More important, a document as you mention would in no manner be proof of anything, least of which, a conspiracy. Evidence is made of sterner stuff.

Question: I enclosed a blow-up of the Moorman that shows a policeman behind a fence on the grassy knoll. He seems to be shooting. The blow-up was made by Jack White.

BOWLES: The power of suggestion can do strange things. There was no police officer, in or out of uniform, nor was there any other person to fire a shot from the grassy knoll. President Kennedy was killed by a head-shot from the right rear, fired by Oswald from the Texas School Book Depository. Unfortunately for conspiracy buffs, that’s all there is to it.

Letter 2

July 18, 1991 email

Question: Was Harry Weatherford on the roof a building AT THE TIME of the JFK assassination? Which building was it, and who was Weatherford with at the time? Who asked him to go up there?

Did Weatherford tell you this himself? If not, who told you?

BOWLES:

Harry Weatherford was on the roof of the county records building with another officer whose name escapes me. He was assigned there by Decker, and this information was from Weatherford. You may relate this if you keep it straight.

Letter 3

December 15, 1992

Question: Do you know how Ruby got into the basement of City Hall to kill Oswald?

BOWLES: Ruby said he came down the automotive ramp from Main Street. This, to my knowledge, was never proved or disproved.

Letter 4

April 13, 1994

Question: Do you know anybody who was part of the investigation of the Tippit murder?

BOWLES: Gus Rose is probably the last detective around who handled Tippit’s murder, other than Leavelle.