

S. Meagher Corres. with Shirley Martin (1966-1968)

[S. Martin lived in Oklahoma. She helped out Penn Jones w/ his "Forgive My Grief."

S.M. to Shirley, Sept. 20, 1966

Re: SM is troubled and perplexed about what she regards as failure of RFK to come out against the fraud of the WCR. She goes into depth on this in letter. This was a continual issue between SM and Shirley Martin who could not criticize the Kennedys.

Note SM article on "Oswald and the State Department" appeared in TMO (Oct. 1966)**

SM to Shirley, Oct. 30, 1966

Re: Praises the Jack McKinney radio program in Philly. McKinney was one of those interviewer who allowed the critics opportunity to air their criticism. Unlike the snakes like Long John, Joe Pyne, and Barry Gray, et. al. who were acid-toned professional baiters.

Refers here to Ray Marcus as "one of the California researchers". . .
. She has only phone and letter contact with RM so far.

She mentions a "sick" story about LBJ that has been passed along by Mark Lane to the effect that on AF One Jackie went back to compartment w/ casket and found LBJ chuckling to himself over the corpse. The story has no basis in fact because the casket was never out of the view of Kennedy faithful But Lane passed it along. . .

Note: Shirley wrote an open letter to Walter Cronkite and John Hart, CBS about the kind of sources(assholes/rightwing nuts)who they had on CBS to counter Penn Jones' criticism of WCR.

S.M. to Shirley, Nov. 3, 1966

Re: SM calls the open letter "a gem."

SM to Shirley, Dec. 13, 1966

Re: In this letter SM reveals something about her bodytype and her struggles with weight. She also is frank about her disastrous relations w/ men. Also mentions her families harsh Orthodoxy and why she dumped religious views.

S.M. to Shirley, Feb. 7, 1967

Re: Mysterious man "J.S." A kook or a provocateur, or whatever. S he had a visit and his conversation frightened SM. She sent warnings to HW and Shirley.

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Re: Shirley Martin

SM to Shirley, Feb. 14, 1967

Re: mentions Scxhiller and Lewis, the "twin vermin" and the news that they are putting out a book on the critics published by Dell. Later there is talk about a law suit against "Schilewis."

In letter there is talk about the authors connections with Wesley Liebler and possibly their connection w/ Epstein by now broken off all communication with Epstien. He has attacked her and Penn JOnes. She calls Epstein "an academic climber[appt. to Harvard] and gutless, ball-less blob. She implies that E is making points with Schilewis team via Liebler so they will take it easy on his in their book. The book was titled The Scavangers.

SM to Shirely, Feb. 27, 1967

Re: A defense of Arnoni and his TMO. Apparantly Martin had some criticism of his work. It might have been over the Garrison case. SM calls him "fearless" in attacking the WC and that he has opened his journal to the critics of the WC, including her.

SM to Shirley, May 4, 1967

Re: Comments on the play "MacBird." A catharsis. But cannot still depict to her mind the loathsomenbess of LBJ.

SM to Shirley, June 11, 1967

Re: More on split w/ friends and soulmates over the Garrison case. She and Shirley are divided over New Orleans thing.

**** There is a "fluff" piece in New Yorker(june 10, 1967)that treats the lives and persoanlities of the critics of the WC.*****

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SM to Sh. Martin, July 8, 1967

Re: HW and some question over a certain Col. Castor or Castorr
and WC.

SM admires his work but cannot stomach his intrusive person-
ality. HW finally agreed to allow her to look as ms. for WWI(?). She is
drained by his self-adulation. He appears to see himself as the only critic
of the WCR who has anything of substance to relate. His shameless self-
adulation and his failure to credit the work of others in his own work.
She mentions his cribbing from Vince Salandria's exposure of the FBI Summ-
ary Report (12/9/'93) and VS's article to effect in TMO. Harold took full
credit for this in his WWI.

SM to Shir. M., July 3, 1967

Re: SM writes of the CBS "atrocious" on JFK assass. She
will have a review of the documentary in TMO in Sept. or Oct., 1967.

**** Takes off again on Garrison case. G. has LHO as part of a NO conspir-
acy. SM is totally convinced that LHO was totally innocent of any shoot-
ing in Dallas. She is concerned about G's Svengali-like seductive powers
and the way he has turned critics who believed in LHO's innocence around
on this. "The more the big-mouth talks, the less I believe him I
am convinced he is a grandiose charlatan, and a terrible threat to all
of us, to legitimate criticism of the WR, and may drag all the critics
down with him into total destruction."

Note: In the SM/Shir. M correspondence there are at least 3 references to
LHO's mother and her phone calls. Both women are convinced she is loopy.

Note # 2 Richard Warren Lewis, The Scavengers is the Schiller/Lewis product.

SM to Shir. M, July 31, 1967

Re: On the G case again. Penn Jones is a G fan. They have had
"hot" disputes over the case. Once again SM is troubled by what case is
doing to "the community" of critics. Although it is clear "community" is
the ideal she hoped for and has given up on this.

SM to Shir. M., August 6, 1967

Re: SM responds to Shir.'s 4page letter and why Shirley, too,
opposes Garrison. SM attacks G again. Notes that most of the males support
him and women oppose (except for Maggie Field/who she has no heard from in
awhile)**** Makes pt. that G knows nothing about the case. Is a Johnny come
lately. He parrots what the critics who have his ear have to say and pretends
these are his well reasoned grounds for attacking the WC. She adds names
of those like HW and others who are working w/ him in NO.

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Re: Shirely Martin

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SM to S hir., M., October 3, 1967

Re: On G case again. SM's on G's cast of characters/agencies involved in the assassination. Check this again G interview w/ Mike Wallace in the "New Orleans" file. It is the ridiculous stuff.

Both SMs talk about the "code." " I am bitter to find out that so many of the 'critics' turned out to be the first cousins of Arlen Specter . .
.SM is still a stalwart defender of LHO's innocence.

***** Note there is a separate folder w/ SM to S hirley Martin for the yeart 1966. I have not gone over this. There is one letter re: HW's WWI that is very favorable.