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Dear Professor Melanson,

Please accept my warm thanks for the copy of Marion Kester's article on Ed Epstein, and even more for your generous references to my work in your letter of November 29th, which I received today.

I am delighted to have made contact with you, because of all the post-1960's critics who have come along you have the greatest energy, authority, and commitment. I agree with Greg Stone that you have become one of the greatest assets among the critics. I really admired your article on the Mysterious Deaths and on the CIA/Zapruder film connection.

The Kester article on Epstein was good, so far as it went, but did not illuminate sufficiently the utter sleaze of the man—his lack of personal integrity and the general ugliness of his behavior and activities. I have refused to have anything to do with him for the last fifteen years. But I do not agree with Kester's view of Jim Garrison, who was indeed a charlatan who did enormous harm to the credibility of all the critics.

The fact that you are using Accessories and the Master Index in your seminars is most gratifying. It makes me happy to know that my work is still alive.

With gratitude and all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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