Won't Give Up Kennedy Plot

ACCESSORIES AFTER THE FACT, The Warren Commission, the Authorities and the Report, by Sylvia Meagher; Bobbs-Merrill Co., New York, 477 pages, \$8.50.

The capacity of the human mind for self-delusion is limit-less. Four years after the assassination of President Kennedy by Lee Harvey Oswald and three years after the Warren Commission's final and conclusive report, there is still a noisy fringe screaming foul and claiming conspiracy.

This particular book is an attack on the Warren Commission. In the foreword it states that "its performance was inept and undeserving of public confidence." It adds that "the commission's failures manifest a contempt for citizens" — "a contempt not for their rights alone but for their intelligence."

Such loud talk should be soberly measured by comparison with a book by Oswald's own brother, who is a businessman in Texas. He explains that he reluctantly came to believe that his brother and his brother alone did kill the President although others might have influenced him.

Sylvia Meagher's book merely adds to the general confusion that has been created by the spate of books recently published and the highly publicized actions of a New Orleans prosecutor. But there is always a crowd of gullible people who will buy such books and pay to hear lectures about them, to help build up a tidy fortune for those elever enough to manipulate the uncritical mind.

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