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Mr. Byron Dobell, Editor
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Dear Mr. Dobell,

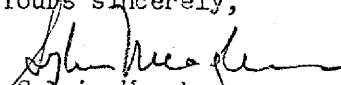
Mr. George Cook ("Speaking Volumes," Book World December 31, 1967) offers a labor-saving device to potential readers of my book. He suggests that one needs only to scan the index in order to assess the contents, without troubling to read the chapters within.

Let me offer him a further short-cut. He need not have bothered to study the index, since the title alone--ACCESSORIES AFTER THE FACT: THE WARREN COMMISSION, THE AUTHORITIES, AND THE REPORT--would have been sufficient to tell him all that he wants to know.

For those concerned with the full facts and the actual evidence, however, unhappily there is no labor-saving gimmick. They will have to read the whole book, check the sources cited, and form their independent judgment on the basis of comprehensive information.

As for Mr. Cook's prandial preferences, they raise the most serious doubts about the old saw that opposites attract.

Yours sincerely,


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