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Dear Miss Meagher:

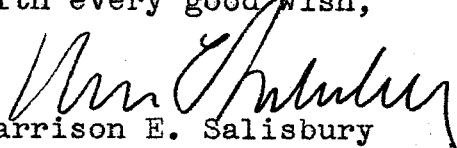
Thank you so much for writing about the discussion of the Warren Report. I must say that I didn't feel that Mr. Lane suffered any disadvantage in the discussion. He is very able and managed to handle the various thrusts against him without any difficulty.

I assure you that I have not been bewitched by any one in my assent with the Warren Report. I have spent a great deal of time since last November digging into this case and directing the efforts of Times reporters in this direction. It is evident to me, as it should be to any well informed person, that there are bound to be many, many questions -- unanswerable ones -- about any matter as complex and controversial as this.

However, in many, many months of inquiry and exhaustive research I have been unable to find any evidence whatever to support a hypothesis that any individual or individuals other than Oswald were involved in this case. And it is not for lack of trying. We on The Times ran down every single clue which entered the area of public discussion or report in the month or six weeks after the President was shot. The trail petered out every time.

The other night during an intermission of the television show, I asked Mr. Lane whether he, himself, had come upon evidence suggesting any other killer. He did not cite any such evidence.

With every good wish,


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