Review by Ted Kupferman

ACCESSORIES AFTER THE FACT
The Warren Commission, The Authorities & The Report

by Sylvia Meagher

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My interest in the Warren Commission Report was first aroused when in the summer of 1966, I read a review by Richard N. Goodwin, a former Assistant to President Kennedy, of Edward J. Epstein's book "Inquest". This book had been done as a master's thesis at Cornell and seemed to be free of the sensationalism of books before and after on the subject.

After some substantial probing, I introduced the Resolution asking for a further investigation of the Kennedy assassination and the Warren Report, in order to see if a Congressional investigation was necessary. My resolution was introduced in the House of Representatives on September 28, 1966, just two years after the Warren Commission Report was made public. I modeled it on the approach of the Congressional investigations of the Pearl Harbor disaster of December 7, 1941.

It was then deluged with inquiries and interviews as the first public official to dare to raise the question.

When I first became interested in the Warren Commission Report and its obvious failures, I was perturbed that I might do a poor job with reference to the known facts, and this was of increasing concern to me as I took part in the public discussions.

Then I met Sylvia Meagher. On the subject of the Warren Report, Sylvia Meagher could replace a computer - instead of pushing a button you called Sylvia and you got your answer, with cross references to what was available in the 26 volumes PEN of Hearings and Exhibits and to what had been written in the field.