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Personal

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Dear Mrs. Cann,

Thank you for sending me Atlas and the two copies of N.E. enclosed with your letter of the 25th.

I am surprised that you say you have not received my reply re: Joesten. I sent you a two-page letter dated April 17, 1967, in which I commented on Joesten's "12 questions" seriatim, and returned the list of questions as requested. If you cannot locate my letter of the 17th, I will make a xerox and mail it to you; but Joesten's list of questions was already mailed back. You must have both his list and my letter because, it occurs to me, I always put my return address on the envelope, and the letter has not been returned.

Turning to the Atlas article: frankly, the allegation seems to me transparently nonsensical. I know of nothing in the Hearings and Exhibits that has any relation to this supposed incident. There were some other claims of pre-assassination warnings--see, for example, Carroll Jarnegan CE 2821 and 5H 232-234; and several allegations involving apparent pre-assassination knowledge (that there would be an assassination). Some of these are in the Hearings and Exhibits e.g., CE 2095 and 2096; others are not, e.g., the "Miami tape," and Russo's testimony, whatever that is worth.

I think we may expect a rash of stories like the one in Atlas seeking to direct suspicion away from certain persons and groups, to whom the evidence in fact points, and toward others whose alleged involvement in the assassination might delight Cold Warriors but has no foundation in terms of evidence or motive. I am sorry to say that the N.E. story on del Valle seems to be a case in point: since evidence strongly implicates anti-Castro Cuban exiles, attempts are made by professional anti-Castroites and blatant propagandists to convert notorious Batistianos into secret agents for Castro. Phonies turn up in Manila (and elsewhere) on similar missions of diverting suspicion and creating confusion. Frankly, these grotesqueries seem to me, like the WR, tales for village idiots. Atlas usually selects articles of a high standard of quality; I guess this is an exception.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sylvia Meagher

*P.S. I return your
Copy of Atlas herewith.*