Dear Ed,

If my information is correct, your review of <u>Accessories</u> has already been handed in. This brief interval, then, is one in which I can neither influence your appraisal of the book nor be influenced by it.

It seems just the right time to suggest that we let bygones (and flying saucers) be bygones.

As you must realize already, I am greatly heartened by indications from several sources that you think well of <u>Accessories</u>. Your opinion of the book has special importance and meaning for me because, as you know, from the time I first read the ms. of <u>Inquest</u> I regarded it as the crucial and historical breakthrough. So much so, that I put aside work on <u>Accessories</u> for a few months. I have never for one moment regretted that decision. If you find merit now in my book, you should realize that without <u>Inquest</u>, it might never have found a publisher nor received a hearing.

For the exceedingly generous comments you have made about the book, which have been finding their way to me, my thanks and genuine gratitude.

Yours sincerely,

Sylvia Meagher