22 November 1970

Dear Miss Northcott,

This is the seventh anniversary of the assassination and although I have been listening to radio and TV much of the day, and reading the three-pound Sunday Times, I have still to hear a single mention of JFK or Dallas. A sad commentary on the attention-span of the press and public.

I was very happy to get your call last Monday, and both pleased and excited at the prospect of your coaxing some comment out of lawyers Ball and Belin—or refusal to comment, which under the circumstances would be rather self-incriminating. After we spoke, I re-read my ms. on Charles Givens and then decided to ask three of the critics whose judgment and knowledge are trustworthy to read it in search of any weaknesses or loopholes that I might have overlooked.

One of the three has already responded, to say that he found the evidence and reasoning in the article cast-iron and foolproof. That is very reassuring to me. At the same time, he suggested some minor drafting changes which you may agree should be made, as follows:

Page 2, fourth line from the bottom: insert date of the elevator race, so that it will read "...described a race between two elevators on November 22nd at about 11:30 a.m..."

Page 5, end of third paragraph: Delete last sentence, "No one, however, is advised to hold his breath..." etc.

Page 7, second sentence of second paragraph should be revised to read:

"For example, news stories about chicken remains and a cigarette

package had created the impression of a sniper who had concealed

himself for a prolonged time on the sixth floor, awaiting the

President's appearance."

As soon as you have any response from Ball or Belin, please do let me know. Meanwhile, when I hear from the other two critics whom I asked to read the article, I will write again. In any case, let's talk once more before the article goes to press. You need not call person-to-person, as I live alone and no one else will answer. With thanks and kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sylvia Meagher
302 West 12 Street
New York, N.Y. 10014