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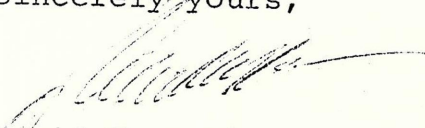
Miss Kaye Northcott, Editor
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Dear Miss Northcott:

I received two copies of the August 13, 1971, issue of The Texas Observer. I am enclosing my check for \$2.00 for eight copies of this issue which I would like to have to send to some of my colleagues on the Commission so that they can still see the fraud that is being perpetrated on the public by authors like Sylvia Meagher and so they can also see how easily members of the public are misled and deceived as illustrated by your editorial comments on page 23.

I sincerely regret that you have fallen victim to the technique of the sensationalists to which I referred in my reply. Perhaps this is in part because of lack of time on your part to thoroughly familiarize yourself with the Warren Commission Report and the overall weight of the evidence. On the other hand, perhaps it is also because of personal bias on your part which is illustrated by your use of such phrases as "...the methods by which this testimony was taken..." without commenting on the gross distortion by Sylvia Meagher: Res ipsa loquitur.

Sincerely yours,


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