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Lucille Bostdorff
Reference Librarian

Dear Miss Bostdorff:

The attached material is a Thermofax copy of

SUBJECT INDEX To The WARREN REPORT And HEARINGS & EXHIBITS
Sylvia Neagher*
The Scarecrow Press Inc
NY & London, 1966

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As this is the only such index as has thus far been published, it should be a valuable adjunct to your 27 Warren Commission volumes. And I am grateful to the library for having these volumes on hand for all to read.

*Author, ACCESSORIES AFTER THE FACT, Bobbs-Merrill, 1967, \$8.50, a major study relating to the President Kennedy Assassination - but with primary attention to the nature of the investigation.

Please note that this Index is in two parts, each preceded by its own Explanatory Note, the second one appearing on page 105. These notes should be read carefully in order that a new reader should not be misled into believing that the Index is a complete one - which it is not represented to be. Such an index as that (with reference to Names rather than Subjects, primarily) would require something approaching the size of the St Pete telephone directory, and would just not be found outside of Government.

Three sheets of errata are also attached (at the beginning), as provided by the author.

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Yours truly,

Steffen Sorenson

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I will leave the rest to you! Thermofax pages in bulk are pretty hard to handle. It took me about 10 minutes to just shuffle the sheets into a half-way straight pile.

You shook me up yesterday on the phone when you referred to the Report volume as a "condensed version" of the 26 Hearings & Exhibit vols. Miss B, it just ain't so. Honest!

All you have to do is sit down some Sunday afternoon & read the 20,000 some pages of the 26 vols - which are sometimes referred to as "Supporting Evidence". Supporting, my neck. If anything is being supported, it is the fact that the Report volume was written in total contradiction to the material in the 26 vols.

I know, you won't believe me. It naturally does not make sense that the Report could be published side-by-side with the 26 Hearings & Exhibits vols if they were actually contradictory. But it is so, and the fact of it being so is one of the mysteries of this Age. Ripley passed on too soon.

Pleased to learn that there has been a considerable demand for your several copies of the Report. As for not so much interest in the 26, I guess it ought not surprise me. If you want to encourage more people flocking into the Library (or maybe you don't, I dunno), you could put a sticker inside each of the Report books you have, pointing out that the 26 volumes of material referred to on nearly each & every page of the Report... that these 26 volumes are on hand right there at the Library. I am thinking that the average reader of the Report will think that the 26 volumes so often referred to in the Report are a thing to be found only in the National Archives, something of which there exists only one copy in the whole world - not realizing that his own library might have a copy of it just a few feet from where he is standing!

The attached Thermofax of the Index is not attached. I am mailing it separately in order to save a buck or two in postage.

Page 1 of this letter, a copy, is included ## with the Index pages. If it can not remain together with the Index (rules, practices, ethics, whatever), then please keep it separately on hand for the sake of information contained within its last paragraph.

My own copy of the Index required several weeks to obtain, much of the time being wasted thru the inability of the NYPL to supply a copy without authorization from the copyright owner. I have corresponded with Mrs Meagher since then, and she declares no restrictions whatever to libraries supplying copies. Should anyone request a copy directly from you, and your library faces the same copyright problem, the address is: Sylvia Meagher, 302 West 12th # Street, NYC 10014.

Sincerely,

Steffen Sorensen

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