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Dear Mrs. Meagher:

In reading "The Scavengers and the Critics", I took notice when I read a quote attributed to Epstein: "When I saw all those books on flying saucers, my heart dropped." This made the time I spent reading such a useless book well worth my while.

I do not know how you came to involve yourself in a study of the assassination but I am glad you did, whatever the cause.

All of my time for some years has been devoted to a study of the way the UFO phenomenon has been handled (or mishandled) by the government. Last year it was brought to my attention that the total involvement of government agencies in perpetrating a hoax in the guise of the Warren Commission Report is a definite parallel to the Establishment's attitude or stand on the UFOs. Now I wonder how many other concepts are based on the same kind of fraudulent activities.

You will understand by this that I am a relative newcomer to attempts to penetrate the clouds around the assassination. The week before Christmas I received the 26 volumes of testimony and exhibits, a gift from one of those who had prodded me into tearing myself away from UFOs. Since that time the dishes have overflowed the sink, the ironing has been piling up in the spare bedroom and everything has generally gone to pot while I read with disbelief.

So far I have not made any new discoveries, but I have not even got halfway through. My friend, however, has come up with something he says he has not found mentioned in any of the critics' books he has read. I am enclosing a copy for whatever value it may have for you. This is in reference to the various garblings of the DPD radio logs.

In St. Petersburg we have one radio station that brings us distant guests whom we may question and, hopefully, learn something. Harold Weisberg has been our guest three times and will return, Thomas B. Ross (Invisible Government) was on this week, Penn Jones, Jr., is scheduled for the night of the 19th. Kerry W. Thornley, in the Marines with Oswald, lives in Tampa and was on this past Monday night.

It occurs to me that our listeners would find you most interesting if you are willing. It runs for about 55 minutes, from 10:35 to 11:30 P.M. Monday through Thursday - the guest portion, that is. Sometimes the guest is in the 11:35 to 12:30 slot. If you would like to do this, send me phone numbers for afternoon and evening so that Mr. Bob Ruark can make the arrangements with you.

I can promise you will be in good company. Some of our guests have been:

those mentioned before; Jim Garrison coming up; Ivan Sanderson; Jim and Coral Lorenzen of APRO; Dr. Frank Salisbury, on life on Mars; Dr. Leo Sprinkle, on psychological aspects of UFOs; pro and con on all kinds of topics.

As yet I have not read your book, sorry to say. It is on order for me and should arrive any time. As soon as I learned of your subject index I tried to order that, as did my friend, but we learned it is out of print. An index is such a necessity that it seems to have been left out of those 26 books by design to hamper any study. Either yours should be reprinted or someone else should do one.

If there is any assistance we may be able to offer from this end - on UFOs or on things from the 26 volumes that don't add up - you are more than welcome. At the moment I have more knowledge of UFO mishandling than of the other but in time I hope to correct that.

Enclosed is a stamped self-addressed envelope so that you can let me know about the radio program.

Best wishes in your endeavor.

Sincerely,



(Mrs.) Helen G. Hartmann

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