

18 October 1969

Mr. Joachim Joesten
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Dear Mr. Joesten,

You owe me an apology and a retraction for your astonishing, unwarranted and misleading statement in the October 15th issue that "It is clear from her remarks...that Mrs. Meagher at the time she wrote her book was ready, for all her skepticism, to accept as a fact that Oswald had been arraigned on the Kennedy murder charge."

The entire point of the sub-chapter "A Strange Arraignment" is that I did NOT accept the account given in the Warren Report, or the relevant contents of the 26 volumes of the testimony and exhibits, of the so-called arraignment. Even if you did not recognize the irony and sarcasm of the writing and chose to take certain excerpts literally, you could hardly have misunderstood my concluding remarks, on page 309, penultimate paragraph.

Moreover, you surely could not misconstrue or find any ambiguity in my letter to you dated 18 February 1969, from which I quote:

"...I do want to thank you most warmly for your generous compliments to Accessories After the Fact and will take this opportunity to ask you, as I have often meant to do, what you make of the section I called 'A Strange Arraignment' (pages 305-309). After studying all the available evidence, I was certainly convinced that you were right in charging that Oswald had never been arraigned at all for the murder of President Kennedy."

I sent you the document I had obtained from the Archives as a courtesy, in deference to the fact that you were the first one to dispute the so-called arraignment, and I am dismayed that your response was to misrepresent my position despite the absolute clarity with which it was stated. This is a disservice and an injustice which I feel sure you will wish, in simple fairness, to rectify in your next issue.

Yours sincerely,

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