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Miss Sylvia Meagher
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Dear Sylvia:

masterful

I have wanted to write you for some time, since finishing a thorough reading of your book. As you know, I have disagreed with some of your inferences and, hence, ^{some of} your final conclusions. But this in no way detracts from my opinion that it is a really fine work of scholarship and probably the best book to come out on the Report etc. What you should be congratulated on is your extreme honesty in delineating fact from opinion, your careful research, your thorough presentation of both sides, and your ability to keep your emotional "cools" and intellectual balance while packing a powerful emotional wallop. I don't know if this makes sense, but my overall reaction is really that you have made a beautiful appeal to reason while at the same time showing your emotional outrage at the Report which was handed up to us. This work is a very important one because it is so persuasive at the same time that it's so rational. And your style is really beautiful, Sylvia--an immensely impressive feat considering the material.

Whenever you want a job in a law office, please let me know first.

Again, my congratulations. You have done the whole country an important service by making the kind of analysis you did. I can't conceive of any stronger argument for a new investigation than your book, and from now to forever no defense of the Report will be able to validly ignore it!

With warmest personal regards,

And let's get together soon.

Joe