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Miss Sylvia Meagher
c/o The Bobbs-Merrill Company
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Dear Miss Meagher:

Even though I have not yet finished reading your ACCESSORIES
AFTER THE FACT, I wait to pass on my notions
which I mention about

it, and I am without any special knowledge, not
be correct or even interesting to a scholar such as yourself.

Article on Jay Even.
Under after the assassination, Dr. Kennedy, give
story of his part in the care of President Kennedy. My co-

During my research for my most recent book, which concerned the American
Revolution, I came to the conclusion that one of the most important
differences between a democratic government and any other kind was the
decision as of the former that every citizen was entitled to know
everything about his government since in a democracy the citizen is
the government. What really worries me about the assassination is
that we, as a people, will not care enough about what really happened
to demand the truth. I found the New York Times review of ACCESSORIES
AFTER THE FACT particularly irritating, because of this very thing.
(Mr. Graham's statement that the book is a bore reminded me of a high
school student who once told me she didn't like history, because it
had nothing to do with her.) Your immediate reaction that a Communist
would be blamed does not seem so much emotional to me as reasoned, and
not only because I had the same thought myself. Neither of these mat-
ters has any particular place in the review of a book such as yours,
and the fact that the content and purpose of the book are practically
ignored is rather terrifying. If there is any reasonable doubt at all
about the accuracy of the Warren Report, few things can be so important
to our country as to remove this doubt at once. Otherwise we must
assume that we are not a democracy, but a captive people ruled by a
group which decides for itself and by itself what it is proper for
us to know.

Thank you very much for ACCESSORIES AFTER THE FACT, and all of work
it entailed for the sake of America.

Sincerely,


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