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Miss Sylvia Meagher  
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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 have mentioned in the letter above.

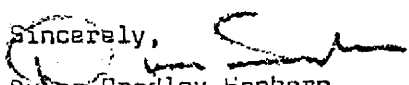
it, and I am without any special knowledge,  
not be correct or even interesting to a scholar such as yourself.

Article by Jay Even.  
After the assassination, Dr. Kennedy, give  
story of his part in the care of President Kennedy. My co-  
author is stated in the title with other material I have

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,

  
Duane Bradley Sanborn