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Dear Mrs. Meagher

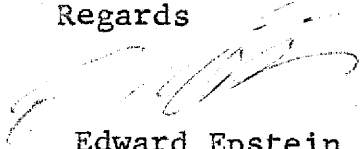
I am enclosing the pages from the manuscript that you sent me. They are quite interesting and the facts are well ordered, although I am not quite sure that they have the significance you attach to them. However, I'll reserve judgment until your book is completed and then look forward to reading it in its entirety.

I was a little disconcerted by the notes on your telephone conversation with Melvin Eisenberg. I had found him to be an extremely brilliant and perceptive lawyer, and I believe that he was very frank and honest with me. I thus cannot believe that your account is fair in reporting his answers. Certainly, the nature of the Commission was such that lawyers did not know every fact outside of their area and it is understandable that Eisenberg was unfamiliar with parts of the Ruby area or Jenner's reconstruction. I was concerned about his purported answer on the question of bullet 399, that the doctors premise was wrong. This might apply to Humes, Gregory, and Shaw; but Finck is one of the world's outstanding experts in forensic medicine, and if his expert testimony was inconsistent with other facts, it cannot simply be dismissed on these grounds.

My thesis concerns the political problem of the government ascertaining facts, and I am not unsympathetic to the Commission or the legal staff. I have tried to include the arguments pro and con, and deal only with the more significant discrepancies. Although I doubt the lawyers or the Commission would approve of my analysis, I don't intend to misquote them, in letter or spirit, or ~~be~~ be unfair to them. They certainly faced problems, and that is the subject of my thesis.

Thank you again for the material that you sent me.

Regards



Edward Epstein