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Dear Mrs. Meagher,

My apologies for not mentioning your reply to my questions regarding your opinion of the Garrison investigation. I appreciate the fact that you took the time and trouble to do so. I never at any time intended, however, to debate the points with you, I merely wanted to know what the reasoning was that was behind your objections.

I appreciate your position in wanting each point made by Mr. Garrison to be clear, concise and, certainly, correct so that no-one can take advantage of a mis-statement or a false statement and, using it as a springboard, attack Mr. Garrison and everyone else who is critical of the Warren Commission and/or its findings and I understand your efforts to correct each mistake that you find, but I find your seemingly complete and utter repudiation difficult to resolve in light of your statement in support of Mr. Popkin, that "we must indeed wait for the trial of Clay Shaw to find out if the district attorney really has credible or conclusive evidence to sustain his charges...".

That last statement puts it very well, it seems to me. It has been my opinion, and it is the opinion of the Kennedy Assassination Truth Committee, that Mr. Garrison deserves our support at least to the extent that he deserves his day in court since he is a duly elected public official. And once the evidence is in and he has stood or fallen we can make our determination.

I don't think he should be supported or condemned strictly on the basis of his treatment by the mass media.

Since I possess only a small amount of knowledge of legal and investigative techniques I cannot make any determination as to the completeness, the validity or the folly of his case, but I am sure that he must, if he is not an utter fool, have more evidence backing up his case than he has already presented in court and/or made public and I am willing to wait until the trial to see this and on the basis of that evidence I will make my judgment. I think to do so now is premature.

After sorting out everything to the best of my ability I come up with a picture of Jim Garrison as a man who is impetuous, impertinent, impulsive, and probably in a lot of things. And I think, though I may

be being taken in, that I greatly admire him for being what he is and being it openly.

I am certain that he could well use your knowledge and your experience and your attention to detail to get him out of some of his trouble spots and I am sorry that you have taken a position so opposed to his.

Just as I think that we cannot hang all of our hopes on the opening of the archives, I don't advocate putting all of ones faith in the New Orleans investigation. If either or both prove to be a fluke I don't think it has to mean defeat for the hopes of the people as far as a new investigation is concerned.

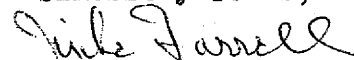
If the above description leaves us "misguided" or "unprincipled" in your eyes, then I can only say that I am sorry you feel that way. If not, I hope we can continue to correspond from time to time and hopefully assist each other in working toward our common goal.

The list which I mentioned to you in my last letter is made up of three columns on a single piece of paper. The first column is a list who are "For a New Investigation", the second has people who "Reject Single Missile Theory" and the third is a list of publications which, I imagine, have come out editorially for a new investigation. At the top of the list is the date, 1 December 1966.

If this list is yours I would very much like to have the sources of the quotes of the individuals and the dates of the publications so that we can make up the leaflet that I mentioned to you.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Sincerely Yours,



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