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Dear Sylvia,

Many thanks for your clipping-lists. Your summaries are most helpful, and I know Maggie will be glad to have them when she returns. The general tone--especially of the latest one--suggests to me that something has to give before many months have passed.

The information at bottom of pg 6 of Price #11 is very interesting, and as you pointed out, consistent with O.P.Wright's failure to mention it in his own report. I believe it further strengthens the hypothesis that the SS and FBI were themselves suspicious of 399. It is clear to me that O.P. Wright was ordered not to say anything about it, as was Tomlinson (as I mentioned earlier, T told me so on the phone, adding that ". . . they have a way (the FBI) of making a believer out of you".)

The only other thought that comes to mind which might explain such an order is that these agencies might have quickly decided on the three-shot limitation, and didn't yet know which three they would settle for. However, I don't see why they should have felt restricted to three that early in the game (at the time T found it). For ~~this~~ this reason, in addition to those listed in my piece, I think it more likely silence was dictated by official suspicion of 399.

Re "The Open Mind", we don't get it here. I did catch Lane's brief appearance with Jenner on the "Today" show last week.

I learned a few days ago, however, that Lane was to be in S.F. for ~~the~~ several days, fulfilling radio and TV dates arranged by Holt-Rinehart through a N.Y. PR man, Tom Cassidy. I phoned Mark the day he arrived, and as a result, arranged an appearance here in L.A. on the Mort Sahl show, to be taped Sunday evening, Sept 4.

Sahl has been talking briefly about the case in recent weeks, and has mentioned all four recent books -- ~~and~~ especially Eptstein's and Lane's-- showing them on camera several times. His interest in the case has grown greatly of late. I spent most of Friday afternoon with him, and he is becoming quite committed. His show is seen Friday nights (11-1) on Metro-media's local channel; and he has gained a large audience among intellectuals in the five months he has been on. His main theme has been his repeated broad attacks on the Liberal Establishment and right-wing social-democrats generally; particularly as regards Vietnam ~~and the~~, and recently the Assassination. He told me he would give Lane the full two hours.

Lillian's husband returned home Friday. His recuperation will take time, but he continues to progress.

It's now almost two weeks since I airmailed a copy to Robert Silvers, and I have heard nothing from him. Could I impose on you to phone him and perhaps nudge him a little?

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Dear Mr. Auchincloss:

I am a private citizen--a non-professional--who has been engaged in independent research on the assassination since November 23, 1963. I congratulate you on your penetrating story of August 15, "Again, the Assassination", and on your objective handling of Mark Lane's book.

I noted with particular interest that you gave prominent coverage to some questions regarding bullet 399; in fact, giving it relatively more prominence than Mr. Lane did himself. Ever since I first saw a photo of this bullet, and read ~~of~~ of the performance the Commission ascribed to it, I felt it had to be considered as suspect. Although a number of published treatments have appeared which included coverage demonstrating the unlikelihood of this bullet having performed as described, I felt a fuller study was warranted.

Obviously, to say (as the Commission's own experts were virtually unanimous in saying) that this bullet could not have inflicted the Governor's wounds, is to raise implicitly the questions; then what did it do? and ~~where~~ how did it get on his stretcher? I have attempted to deal with these questions to the best of my ability.

Mrs. Sylvia Meagher of New York City, who is quite probably the most knowledgeable single individual in the world on the entire contents of the Report and the twenty-six volumes, suggested that I send you a copy. I realize Newsweek almost certainly could do nothing with such a piece itself; but in view of your story, I thought--as Mrs. Meagher suggested--that you might be personally interested in reading it. I would welcome your comments; and, if you think the ~~is~~ piece warrants it, would be very grateful for any suggestions or assistance you may care to render towards publication.

I would appreciate your returning the copy to me within approximately two weeks of your receipt of it.

Sincerely yours,


Raymond Marcus