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Dear Sylvia Meagher,

I hope you will forgive me for making one more comment on the plan to publish a book critical of District Attorney Garrison's investigation. You will remember you mentioned this project when we spoke on the phone the other night.

As you know, this is a critical time in the Presidential campaign as well as in the Vietnam war. There is now a good chance that Rockefeller will be a candidate. In this event, it is reported, R.F.K. is more likely to run. The more public criticism of the Administration's Vietnam policy, the more support there will be for McCarthy or R.F.K. as a candidate since Rockefeller's position on Vietnam is at present unknown, and is not likely to be too satisfactory to the liberals in any event.

In these circumstances, I believe, public pressure for the creation of a new commission to investigate the new evidence on the assassination has a greater chance of success. Several of us are trying to investigate the possibility now. It seems to me more important to promote a reliable official inquiry than to discredit Garrison. After all, Garrison's mistakes will be discovered at the trial. It hardly needs a critical evaluation now...that is, his inquiry, when there is no certainty what evidence he will use.

Moreover, it is important that someone with the power of subpoena should be at work, if only to make clear the lack of cooperation on the part of the government. It would be most unfortunate if Garrison's inquiry were forced to a halt. It would tend, in my view, to make the public lose faith in any possibility of getting at the truth.

In any event, I would hope that the project to criticize Garrison could wait until a new commission is formed. While I understand your fervor to establish the truth, I hope the effort can be postponed for a few months.

Sincerely

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