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Dear Mrs. Meagher:

You may certainly mail a copy of my letter to Mr. Graham, but don't bother to block out my name and address. If we have reached the point when it is indiscreet to air one's opinions openly, then it is time to be very indiscreet indeed. I am a woman, incidentally, and often hear the charge that women are emotional in their reactions, so I have been amusing myself by looking over Mr. Graham's review again. He makes a number of statements that are certainly not facts, but conclusions, very likely based on his own emotional attitude. What makes him think, for instance, that doubt of the accuracy of the Warren Report has been instigated by the books and magazine articles criticizing it? Or that people doubt it because of the present credibility gap which makes them distrust all high government officials? My initial ~~gaps~~ were raised by the facts of the assassination itself, based on my own method of evaluating such things. I ask myself what I would think of this had happened, say, in Russia or a South American country, or Haiti, or Cuba. If I read that Castro had been shot down in the street while under the protection of his secret service and the local police, that the alleged killer was murdered in a police station, and that this second killer predicted that he would die and then did, I would think it just as plausible as what happened in Dallas.

Mr. Graham's statement that your book "presents such a hopeless picture of confusion and contradiction in the available evidence that any reader would conclude that a second study would do no more than inspire another round of critical books" is not really very logical. It is his belief, perhaps, but only that, and is rather like saying that it is so difficult to find a sure for cancer that further research should be stopped.

I won't bore you with further comments on the review, but you may send this letter along, too, if you like.

Thank you very much for your answer to my letter. My face is rather red in re WHERE DEATH DELIGHTS, because I read it and missed the reference to the tracheotomy. I have now thought of two other things that puzzle me, and I hope you will forgive my fuzzy understanding of the Hearings and Evidence, because I

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read the twenty six volumes late at night, and in bed, and they are difficult to read even under ideal circumstances. Marina, I believe, testified that Oswald beat her because she made it known that she was Russian, when a number of witnesses made it clear that Oswald made no secret of this fact. Isn't it true that he told an employee of the unemployment bureau that his wife was Russian, and asked where she might meet other Russians? If this information might prevent him from getting a job, he certainly revealed it in exactly the wrong place. The other item that I wonder about is Oswald's correspondence. Am I wrong, or was his English and spelling sometimes quite good and at other times almost illiterate?

In the manner of most good Americans, I have been very critical of our country because there does not seem much interest in re-opening the situation and making an accurate and honest study of it, but I suddenly realized that there isn't any vague "they" in our country who should do these things - we must do it, or it will not be done. Much of our "news media", (a phrase that pleased me when picked up so readily by the Dallas Police) is obviously not interested in such a project, but I believe that both the Saturday Evening Post and Look magazine are. (Incidentally, I could have predicted that Mr. Graham's review would be much as it was even before I saw it, just as you could predict that a "Communist" would be blamed for the assassination.) Do you suppose either of these magazines could be encouraged to ask their readers to express their opinions, in the hope of getting six out of ten of us to demand a new official study?

Sincerely,

