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Dear Mrs. Sanborn,

You were most kind to reply so promptly with your permission to send a copy of your letter to Graham. He is probably not worth the trouble--if he possessed the intellectual or moral qualities to appreciate, or feel abashed by, your comments on his review, he would not have written such a piece to begin with.

You are quite right about Marina Oswald. This is only one of many, many instances in which her allegations are incongruous with objective evidence or contradict her own statements at a different time. I tried in ACCESSORIES to describe enough of her self-contradictions to indicate the folly of reliance on her testimony and to suggest the nature of this woman. Even if one makes every allowance for her frightening predicament, she still emerges as a highly unsympathetic, cold, devious, and hard woman, and completely lacking in credibility.

Oswald's command of language, sometimes semi-literate and sometimes quite good in his writing, puzzled me greatly when I first read the Hearings and Exhibits in late 1964; and I spent many hours trying to pierce this mystery, without success. You might find some interest in a Mayo Clinic analysis of his reading disability, in Commission Exhibit No. 3134. See also ACCESSORIES, page 340, and CE 2661, in which Oswald reveals an astonishing facility not alone in spelling but also in formalistic, forensic military style. I was so baffled by these extreme variations that for a while I even toyed with the theory that Oswald might have been a multiple personality (Miss Beauchamp, Eve of the three faces, etc.). This was not a viable hypothesis, however. Later, when I heard a record of Oswald's broadcast in New Orleans with Stuckey et al, I was certainly impressed with his speech and vocabulary as well as his intelligence and skill in debate--in short, a startling example of self-education and innate intelligence which, combined with his seeming idealism and political courage in several situations during his short life, reveal a person who has little if anything in common with the semi-moronic unstable and obnoxious "failure" painted by the Commission and faithfully projected by the news media.

Unhappily, neither SEP nor LOOK seem really interested enough to press on, although there would be no harm trying.

With renewed thanks,

Very sincerely,

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