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Mr. Art Kunkin, Editor
The Los Angeles Free Press
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Dear Art,

A friend was good enough to send me a clipping of the article on page 20 of the February 13th issue, "Assassination story slowly disintegrates," which indicates that the Free Press will publish excerpts from the forthcoming book, Coup d'Etat!, by Stanley J. Marks.

As you may know, in a chapter titled "The Palmprint on the Rifle" in my book Accessories After the Fact I catalogued and evaluated all of the evidence available in the Warren Report and the 26 volumes of the Hearings and Exhibits on this palmprint, and stated my conclusion that there was grave doubt of its authenticity. It was my personal conviction when I wrote the book, as it is now, that the so-called palmprint was a fabrication, although I had no conclusive proof to cite.

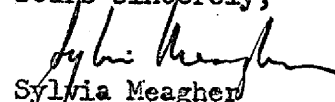
You will understand, therefore, that I am particularly intrigued and excited to read in the Free Press article of the impending disclosure of a letter written by Lt. Day to Jesse Curry within a month of the JFK assassination which contains an admission that Day never found Oswald's palmprint on the rifle. Such a letter would be a major breakthrough in vindicating Oswald and exposing the criminal role of the investigative agencies involved and the Warren Commission. And it would give me special personal satisfaction, in that it would vindicate my reasoning and conclusions as set forth in Accessories.

I would be very grateful indeed to be given the privilege of seeing a copy of Lt. Day's letter, with the understanding that it would not be divulged to any other person or used in any way prior to publication in the Free Press and/or in Mr. Marks' book. As I do not have an address for Mr. Marks, I am enclosing a copy of this letter in the hope that you will be kind enough to forward it to him, so that he may consider my request.

If it is not possible to let me see Lt. Day's letter in advance of publication, then you or Mr. Marks might be good enough to let me know how I might purchase his book Coup d'Etat! at the earliest possible moment it becomes available. I would consider this a real courtesy on your part, and thank you now for any cooperation you may feel able to extend me on this question.

With kind personal regards,

Yours sincerely,


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