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Dear Ms. Meagher,

I would first like to offer my apologies concerning the vague nature of my letter. The Kennedy assassination has constantly interested me even as a youngster of 11 in 1963. Fairfield University has granted me the opportunity to prepare a comprehensive study on the aforementioned event.

After reading Rush to Judgment, The Second Oswald and Forgive My Grief, my suspicions of a "whitewash" conducted by the Warren Commission concerning the assassination became very apparent. I have in my possession approximately 100 articles concerning the assassination with special emphasis on the question of the validity of the findings of the Warren Commission.

What I am trying to say in my very awkward manner is that the event is very complex. I wonder if it would suffice to prove that Oswald in 5.6 seconds did not have sufficient time to fire three shots at the President. Also, I wonder if proving conclusively that the throat wound was an entrance wound that could not possibly be inflicted from the Texas School Book Depository would suffice. If I stop at this point, my project seems to have a definite conclusion. However, I still possess several nagging doubts concerning the assassination. For example, who is Jim Hicks and is it within the realm of possibility that he was the radio commander to the firing team which gunned down the president? Also, how valid is the assertion that the FBI had knowledge 12 days before Dallas of a plot to kill the President? In addition, is it possible that J.D. Tippit was part of a conspiracy and it was his job to silence Oswald before he spoke and that Jack Ruby would not have been necessary had Tip it performed his job effectively. Moreover, with the advent of computers attempting to analyze the photographic evidence concerning the assassination, can it be possible that this is a valid avenue of approach? Is it true that Secret Service agent Abraham Bolden was jailed for six years because he told the Warren Commission of a Chicago plot to kill the President?

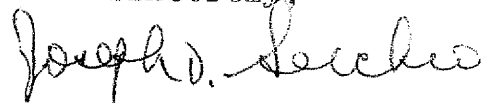
Ms. Meagher, you are probably asking yourself why did this overzealous individual pick on me to ask all these questions. I feel that you are the most accomplished author on the subject. However, I also understand and am sorry that you have encountered ill health. However, I felt that from reading your book, I sensed a real and viable commitment to the quest for truth regarding the Kennedy assassination. I am planning a trip to Dallas in June and I wonder if you would be able to have me

contact anyone who would be of assistance. I have also contacted Mark Lane and Harold Weisberg in quest for information and guidance. I am very dedicated to my assignment and am willing to work long and hard to see it through.

I hope that I have cleared up the ambiguity of my initial letter. I would very much like to talk to you about the subject but if your health prohibits it, I understand perfectly. I also would like to thank you for the annotated bibliography on the assassination. I'm sure that I will make valuable use of it. I sincerely hope that I have made some sense to you. I realize that to someone like yourself who has devoted much valuable time to the subject, the passage of time becomes a primary enemy against ascertaining the absolute truth. Yet, I am very dedicated in what I undertake and I hope to get something rewarding out of this endeavor. In any case, I will always endeavor to understand what happened on the 6th floor of the Texas School Book Depository or the grassy knoll or the Dal-Tex building.

Again, thank you immensely for your time and I hope to hear from you soon.

Yours sincerely,



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