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Mr. Harry Yardum
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Dear Mr. Yardum,

I am returning herewith your term paper and the other materials which you enclosed with your letter of the 13th. I appreciate your sending me the term paper, which reflects your long and creditable interest in seeking the truth about the Kennedy assassination. I am sorry that I cannot, in honesty, commend the term paper itself. It is rather poorly written and not well organized. It does not contain new information nor a new point of view but is an agglomeration of evidence and pseudo-evidence from a variety of sources, some of which are hardly reliable.

For example, you say on page 5 of the term paper that "it is known" that Jack Ruby was at Parkland Hospital when the President and Governor Connally were being brought in, footnoting the statement to a book by Penn Jones. There is not sufficient basis for making such a categorical statement. While there is some evidence that Ruby was present at the hospital, it is by no means established as fact. Another error is on page 13, when you suggest that Oswald arrived at his boarding house 45 minutes after the shots at Dealey Plaza. All the available information suggests that he arrived within about 30 minutes.

Although I do not have at hand a copy of Six Seconds in Dallas by Thompson, I doubt that the Weaver photograph shows two men at the window "at the time of the shooting". If my recollection is faulty, I withdraw the remark, but as I recall it the men were photographed at the window somewhat before the shooting.

I regret very much that I cannot spare the time to be interviewed by you and your colleague, as I also regret my somewhat harsh remarks about your term paper. I would have wanted to be complimentary and tactful, but as a matter of conscience I had to give you my honest appraisal.

Yours sincerely,

Sylvia Meagher