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Sylvia Meagher,
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Dear Ms. Meagher:

I am writing you after reading your book ACCESSORIES AFTER THE FACT, some 8 years after I should have read it.

By way of introduction, may I say I am one of the two defense psychiatrists at the trial of Jack Ruby in 1964, and finally decided to write my own impressions and experiences in this extraordinary event. As such I appreciate your painstaking research and analysis of the case of both Oswald and Ruby - although my approach is entirely related to Ruby and his psychological state. I am also interested in the social-psychologic climate surrounding the whole affair.

More specifically, may I pick up a few points in your book which I realize is pointed chiefly towards the Warren Commission report and its deficiencies? Incidentally it looks as though your request for a re-investigation of the entire affair will be honored by Congress.

On p. 393 you indicate that letters smuggled out of the jail, written by Ruby refer to his charge of a conspiracy to kill Kennedy. Could this have been part of his delusions which have been authenticated by reputable psychiatrists in 1964? On p. 392 you indicate there were no signs of "epilepsy...in the body" on autopsy. Actually, the pathologist who did the autopsy told me he found cancer in the lung, prostate and brain. ~~Six~~ Also (p.453) Ruby's claim he had been injected with cancer cells could easily have been part of his psychotic state, since he was freely delusional at that time and before. Obviously, my slant is toward the psychological state of the man from Dec. 1962 to his death and my interpretation will differ from that of others.

Most interesting is your chapter 16 on the deaths of witnesses and others involved in both murder cases. I realize this was written in 1966 or 1967 ~~but~~ two more deaths should be detailed - namely that of Sam Brody, attorney with Belli, killed in an auto accident in 1964 while riding with the busty actress Mansfield; and that of Dr. Guttmacher, the other defense psychiatrist, who died

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in 1965 (?) of leukemia while on a trip to Europe. (There aren't many of us left).

I could not help pick up the mystery of these deaths, whether of natural causes or murder, as indicating some kind of malevolent influence in the cases - a sort of 'curse'. I assume this was in Penn Jones mind at the time he unearthed the cases. Incidentally, are you in contact with Mr. Jones and do you have his address?

Mostly, this letter is written to applaud you on the tremendous job you have done and to ask if I may write you further as I proceed with my own writing of the Ruby case - ^{the} man and ^{the} murder.

Sincerely,

Walter Bromberg