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Dear Dr. Bromberg,

Your letter of the 2nd of this month has been forwarded to me by my publisher. I should like to thank you most warmly for your very kind remarks about my book.

Please do feel free to write me at any time if you feel that I might be helpful with respect to your project on the Ruby case--the man and the murder. Upon receiving your letter, I went back to the book on the Ruby trial written by Kaplan and Waltz, and refreshed my memory on your testimony and your psychiatric evaluation of the accused. In that light, I believe that your book on Ruby will hold considerable interest for students of the Dallas assassination and of course for the psycho-medical professions.

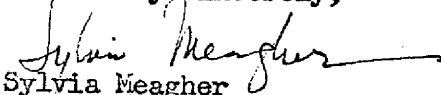
Regarding the specific points in my book on which you raise questions, I was reporting factually on the letters smuggled out of jail and the other allegations made by Ruby, without necessarily attempting to evaluate their validity. I am certainly not competent to determine whether or not his accusations of conspiracy were delusionary. However, I do view Ruby's allegations within the context of the whole complex of events in Dallas on and after 22 November 1963, and in relation to the over-all evidentiary indications of conspiracy.

Generally speaking, I am very sceptical about alleged psychiatric states of accused parties when the psychiatric element arises for the first time after the commission of a crime. For example, I have to take account of the fact that Ruby was never under psychiatric confinement or treatment prior to 11/22/63, and that, moreover, he functioned without seeming difficulty both in his business and his family/social life. It is only after Ruby murdered Oswald that he began to be described as a mental case of one or another kind and degree. However, as I said before, I am no authority on manic depression, psychomotor epilepsy, psychosis, or for that matter the injection of cancer cells.

I was aware of the deaths of Brody and Guttmacher; indeed, I knew Guttmacher personally in the late 1940's when we were both associated with the World Health Organization. I am not personally in touch with Penn Jones but I am sure that a letter addressed to him in care of the Midlothian Mirror, Midlothian, Texas, will reach him.

Thank you again for your interesting letter and for your generous remarks about my work.

Yours very sincerely,


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