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Dear Sylvia Meagher,

I was dekighted to see <u>Accessories After the Fact</u> back in print. I've been recommending it every chance I get, including in the enclosed "Crime Lab" column.

I wrote the enclosed column several months ago, before the House passed the resolution establishing the Downing/Gonzalez Committee. There's nothing new in it, but I wanted to try to get people thinking about the essentials of the case again, as an antidote the dish of Red herring (Cuban variety) served up by the Church Committee.

I am, of course, pleased that the case has finally been reopened. I haven't had any contact with the Committee yet, but everything I hear encourages me to believe we won't be disappointed. In any event, the House action was certainly a victory for those who have worked so long for the truth. And despite the many differences among the various critics, I think all of us recognize and appreciate the essential role your work played in showing us the way.

I hope this finds you well and look forward to seeing you again sometime soon.

Sincerely,

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