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Dear Ms. Sylvia Meagher,

I am presently a graduate student at Drake University, involved in a quantitative research project concerning the House Select Committee on Assassinations findings of the assassination of John F. Kennedy. The project is an outgrowth of a consuming interest during the last three years in the assassination controversy. Recognizing your importance in the field, I am interested in your opinions and reactions to many concerns which I have regarding the Committee report.

The enclosed questionnaire is the data gathering instrument which I have developed. Would you please take a few minutes and respond to those questions you deem relevant? Please feel free to support as many of your views as you wish; none of your responses will be quoted. The responses will be used to write a paper summarizing the current reactions of experts to the findings of the House Select Committee. In four to six weeks, I would be delighted to send to you the raw statistics of the questionnaire if you wish a follow-up on your efforts in helping with the project.

Being a secondary social science teacher in the Des Moines schools, I intend to use the research to enhance the critical thinking of students. My curriculum in the last three years has incorporated a three-week unit covering the assassination controversy. In nine years of teaching, I have never presented a unit which has broadened the minds of young people so extensively. It may be that their generation will finally know the truth we are presently searching to find.

Thank you for taking your valuable time in responding. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Jane Hildenbrand