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Dear Ms. Sylvia Meagher,

Enclosed are the results of the quantitative research project on the reactions of the critical community on the findings of the House Select Committee on Assassinations. I believe that the statistics reflect the opinions of many of these within the critical community. Sixty-four individuals were sent the questionnaire. Fifty-one persons completed and returned the survey. Not every respondent elected to answer each question. As a result, the percentages are based upon different totals per questions.

If this quantitative study can aid you in any further research of your own, please contact me. The major conclusions of the work center around the diversity of the critical community. However, other information not reflected by statistics was also gained.

A mere "thank you" seems an enormous understatement. Your helpfulness in aiding beginning research is tremendous. Your supporting statements were enlightening and informative. Thank you so much for sharing your expertise with me.

Sincerely,

Jane Hildenbrand

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I wish to add a very special thank you for your encouragement and detailed responses.

The questionnaire was sent to the following persons. Contact with other experts was also attempted, however, addresses were unavailable and/or incomplete.

Adams, Perry
Anderson, Jack
Bernarbei, Richard
Bethell, Thomas
Brown, Emory
Brussell, Mae
Chapman, Robert
Cutler, Robert
Eddowes, Michael
Epstein, Edward
Evica, George Michael
Farrell, Mary
Fensterwald, Bernard
Grodin, Robert
Haapanan, Larry
Harris, Larry
Hoch, Paul
Jones, Penn
Kantor, Seth
Kurtz, Michael
Lardner, George
Libert, Ron
Lifton, David
McKinley, James
Malone, William
Meagher, Sylvia
Meek, Jeff
Milam, Wallace
Miller, Tom
Model, F. Peter
Moldea, Dan
Morrow, Robert

Nelson, Charles
Newcomb, Fred
Noyes, Peter
Oglesby, Carl
Orr, Shirley
O'Toole, George
Pellicano, Anthony
Popkin, Richard
Prouty, L. Fletcher
Ralston, Ross
Rennar, George
Rice, William
Roberts, Charles
Roffman, Howard
Rubinstein, Ted
Schoener, Gary
Scott, Paul
Scott, Peter Dale
Shaw, J. Gary
Sprague, Richard E.
Stone, Gregory
Tatro, Edgar
Taylor, Ann
Thompson, Josiah
Thompson, Tink
Turner, William
Upchurch, Howard
Walsh, Kevin
Weisberg, Harold
White, Jack
Wolf, Betsy
Wrone, David

1. "full and complete investigation"
strongly agree 1.9% agree 7.8% #3 0% disagree 39.2% strongly disagree 49%
2. Believe single bullet theory
strongly agree 2% agree 24% #3 12% disagree 14% strongly disagree 58%
3. Muscular contractions reason for head movement
strongly agree 7% agree 5% #3 12% disagree 22% strongly disagree 54%
4. Acoustical evidence authentic
strongly agree 43.2% agree 31.4% #3 23.5% disagree 0% strongly disagree 1.9%
5. Agree with HSCA coordination of film and tape
strongly agree 0% agree 10.4% #3 25% disagree 29.2% strongly disagree 35.4%
6. L.6 second firing time
strongly agree 0% agree 12.8% #3 7.6% disagree 17.9% strongly disagree 61%
7. Tatum testimony credible
strongly agree 7.6% agree 15.3% #3 41% disagree 10.2% strongly disagree 25.6%
8. Agree with findings by HSCA on grassy knoll photographs
strongly agree 10% agree 22.3% #3 25% disagree 20% strongly disagree 22.5%
9. Passage of time blocked further study of Walker attempt
strongly agree 5.1% agree 15.3% #3 12.8% disagree 38.4% strongly disagree 15.3%
10. Odio visitor
Real Oswald 22.2% #2 13.9% Imposter 50% #1 2.8% Story Unreliable 11.1%
11. Ruby had help from DPD to get into basement
strongly agree 41.5% agree 36.5% #3 12.1% disagree 4.9% strongly disagree 4.9%
12. Ruby at Parkland indicates involvement in conspiracy
strongly agree 32.5% agree 20% #3 27.5% disagree 12.5% strongly disagree 7.5%
13. Organized crime involved
strongly agree 20% agree 30% #3 22% disagree 10% strongly disagree 18%
14. Ferrie connection
Organized crime 10.9% Anti-Castro 2.7% Personal Association 5.4% None 16.2%
Organized crime & Anti-Castro 29.7% Anti-Castro & Personal Association 2.7%
Organized crime, Anti-Castro and Personal Association 16.2% Other 16.2%

Statistics (cont.)

15. Clinton witnesses credible

strongly agree 28.9% agree 26.4% #3 15.8% disagree 18.4% strongly disagree 10.5%

16. Lopez involvement

strongly agree 0% agree 2.6% #3 46.1% disagree 28.2% strongly disagree 25%

17. FBI limited to Oswald

strongly agree 60% agree 25% #3 7.5% disagree 2.5% strongly disagree 5%

18. CIA not involved but deficient

strongly agree 36.7% agree 26.7% #3 5.3% disagree 10% strongly disagree 26.7%

***** Eleven respondents divided this question into two parts.

(A) CIA not involved

strongly agree 11% agree 11% disagree 44% strongly disagree 22%

(B) CIA deficient

strongly agree 66% Agree 22% disagree 11% strongly disagree 0%

Some of the persons involved, responded to an abbreviated questionnaire. Eleven were returned. The questions that were not also included in the original complete form are condensed below. Percentages are not provided due to the limited numbers involved.

1. Hearings and Appendices useful for historical research

strongly agree 1 agree 4 #3 2 disagree 3 strongly disagree 1

2. Reaction of public community

Great 0 Some 1 ## 0 Little 8 None 2

3. Reaction of the critical community

Great 1 Some 3 #3 0 Little 5 None 2

4. Oswald fired three shots from the TSBD

strongly agree 1 agree 2 #3 0 disagree 3 strongly disagree 5