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Dear Mrs. Meagher:

Hoping this finds you, of cuss.... I was looking for something else in my files, such as they are, and came across one of your letters about books like Tears of Autumn, which though fiction sound more like fact than most other works on the Assassination of JFK.

I still hold that it was not a CIA job. Philip Agee would have exposed it long ago. Secrets in the USA keep poorly.... Charles McCarry's notion of Diem's Revenge squares with Asiatic customs of vengeance, no matter when. We can wait, round-eye....

Mark Lane has covered himself with inglorious since, and the Jonestown crowd may have failed to do one good deed by not making him drink their Koolaid... He wrote one on Vietnam atrocities and one eyewitness turned out to be a lad who deserted from basic training and never got out of the States.

And there was that English lad who found that Oswald was in the tomb marked "Oswald". The KGB wouldn't waste an agent when they got lots of suckers anyhow.

CBS showed me one little item in a special.... The unmarked bullet, so clean and neat... profiled, it looks like a 160 gr 6.5 Carcano slug. THEN they showed the base. No one has made oval slugs since the Greene Carbine of the 1850s.... This had struck something.

I think I mentioned to you the deep penetrating characteristics of the 1885-1900 round nose slugs, like the US 30-40, German 7.92mm, Austrian 8mm, 6.5 Carcano and Mauser, and 7mm Mauser? I came on a real case in a book on the Philippine fighting of the early 1900s. A soldier of 20th Kansas was taken to hospital with a shot hole atop his right shoulder. The medics stripped him, and found another hole under his belt, with several damaged shells in it. Wound of exit, plainly.... A couple days later he complained of a lump back of his right knee. Surgical checkup revealed a 7mm bullet which had passed about 75% through him lengthwise. Insult added to injury.... Elephants had been drilled from face to fundament and vice versa with 7mms by W.D.M. Bell and other hunters of the day. The single bullet could have done it all, and then some. No ballistcian will predict the path of a bullet inside anything. They prefer to wait and see where it went....

There is still controversy about the deaths of Julius Caesar and Abe Lincoln. I do not believe the CIA did either....

At the end of April there is a science fiction convention in Columbus. If I remember, I'll check for Analogs with that letter I wrote about beginner's luck. If I find one, I'll Xerox. If two, I could send you one if interested.....

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Happy Paddy's Day
John P. Conlon

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