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Dear Ms. Meagher,

Thank you very much for your gracious reply of December 13. I have enclosed a copy of Salandria's speech, and shall not usurp any more of your valuable time.

I would like to suggest, however, another way of viewing Salandria's thesis, which does not lie within, at best, one of many possible and equally logical explanations and at less than best, a dangerous exercise leading to a logical but false reconstruction, and encouraging a fixation which too easily brushes aside material evidence and alternate hypotheses which may have a lesser personal appeal but a greater evidentiary validity.

At issue, I believe, is the credibility of the Federal Government. If all that has transpired concerning the events on 11/22/63 occurred as we trusted the motives of the men in the Government and believed that a concern for the welfare of people was determining their actions, then we could reserve judgement and temper our demand that the truth be disclosed.

But, when the Federal Government has been practicing monumental deception in all of the assassinations and in their abominable, immoral war, should we observe the constraint to possess total documented evidence before we submit theses and make charges?

If the Government exists to serve the people, but does not inform them of the events which affect their lives, should the Government not be held accountable for our lack of information?

Finally, what of the possibility that Salandria's thesis accords with reality? If his thesis is possible, then no matter how improbable, we should publicize it and demand the Government's disapproval, rather than censor it as irresponsible and risk the bondage that silence would bestow.

Respectfully,

