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Mrs. Sylvia Meagher
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Dear Mrs. Meagher;

Talk about a conspiracy...Wow!

I've been to close to a dozen of the top bookstores in Los Angeles and Beverly Hills; Martindale's, Hunter's, Pickwick, Appleton's, a couple near the UCLA campus, and none have your book.

I finally placed a special order for it, a couple of weeks before Christmas, and was told that due to the holiday press of business, I couldn't expect it before the fifth or tenth of January.

Well, as of today it has not arrived, and I cancelled the order in disgust.

Let me introduce myself. My name is Hank Brown, and I am a partner of Richard Freed, with whom I believe you have corresponded, in the formation of a company to produce the motion picture, "The Trial of Lee Harvey Oswald."

Your book, which we have had access to only at the public library so far, of course is an invaluable tool to our continuing research efforts, but Ray Marcus, Dave Lifton and the magnificent Maggie Field all guard theirs jealously, and with good reason.

May I impose, dear Lady, to purchase a copy from the source?

I realize this is not quite the thing to do, but we have so much work to do, and so little time in which to do it.

Enclosed please find my check for six dollars, which I hope will cover the cost of your Index to the Hearings and whatever mailing charges may be involved.

Maggie told Dick and me about your recent visit ~~of~~ and of the 'summit' get together of yourself, Ray, Penn Jones and herself. How I would have loved to be there!

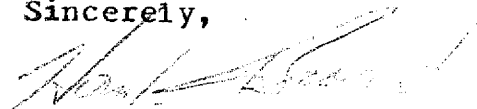
I believe that in an earlier letter to Dick Freed, you indicated your willingness to, at the proper time, read some of our material and offer a critique. I'm happy to say that we're coming closer to that day.

Again, please forgive this improper approach, but I find that the direct method is the necessary one in this case.

Jump on your publisher (McGraw-Hill, isn't it?) to get better distribution on your Index.

Maggie mentioned that your new book would be out in the fall. Can't wait to see it.

Sincerely,



Hank Brown

P.S. Please forgive what you might detect as a flippant tone.

Both Dick and I have heard so much about you, we feel some of the camaraderie toward you that we have enjoyed in correspondence and in person with some of the other foremost critics.