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Dear Sylvia Meagher,

I was very happy to get your note last month. I meant to tell you sooner but I procrastinate terribly. Which is why it took me so long to get my notes together.

It's just been awful putting reams and reams of notes in some kind of order. I'm not sure I'll make it.

I never did write to Salandria, as you suggested, but I did write to Ray Marcus looking for his book. I spent weeks looking for it. The Jefferson book store, the first time I went, said they were ordering more copies. Two weeks later, the owner himself was there, and didn't know what I was talking about. And no one else did either.

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So the Marcus/became one only for the insiders, and I decided at long last that I would try to find a publisher. If Marcus's distribution was so limited, how could I make the thing myself and do all the mailing, and still keep myself solvent? Since I had been typing for a place that does that kind of thing, I knew I could do my book myself but it seemed formidable. So I sent some feeler-letters to five publishers. Today I heard from the last one (the others were negative) who showed some interest. I'm pessimistic about it but at least it was a good average. I hadn't sent any manuscript because the drawings are the best part, and I couldn't send those. I have an interview in about two weeks.

I finally heard from Mike Lester from London. He had been seriously ill. He's a rather secretive person, and so I'm stepping a little out of bounds to say that he was behind that "do-it-yourself" kit you must have heard about that came out of London, called "The Assassination of President Kennedy." (They call this the "Kennedy Jackdaw.") He withheld his name from it, and he has so many secrets, I guess I will have to ask you to keep a secret, too. (I'm in such a vacuum here by myself that I hope this is not an imposition.) *— It has been barred from the U.S. in midst of nuclear attack.*

I thought I was being dumb about the Garrison thing until you mentioned your own mystification. A friend of mine who gets excited about speculations thinks Shaw was a CIA agent, but she knows nothing about the intricacies of the Warren Report except what I've told her. Still, one thinks about it. And Mark Lane endorsed Garrison and they supposedly now have the answer to the assassins. I can't think this will seriously effect all the current research, but if it does, the research becomes historical. No?

I can't tell you enough of my admiration that you have a full-time job and still have done all this work on the assassination. Have you read Manchester? I digested five chapters--enough for MY area--and find it difficult to continue. If you have a moment again, would love another short note from you.

Sincerely,

Ruth Farrell

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