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Dear Mrs. Meagher :

Thank you very much for your letter of April 17th .

I was unable to arrange for an interview with Jim Garrison during my recent visit to New Orleans but did talk briefly with James Alcock . We spoke in very general terms but I was impressed both by the intelligent manner in which he replied to questions and by the sincere attitude he showed .

My appraisal of the Garrison probe is based mainly , however , on my conversations with Matt Herron who knows Garrison well and had spent three hours discussing the case with him only a few days before my visit .

I gained the impression that Garrison is as capable as he is dedicated . It seems he also has considerable evidence against Clay Shaw and should have little difficulty producing some twenty witnesses . I understand also that he is thinking seriously of arresting two others on the same charge brought against Shaw and that such action might well take place before Shaw's trial .

On the other hand , Garrison tends to be too extreme in many of his public statements and seems to surround himself with assistants who are very able but perhaps less critical than they might be . As there is no devil's advocate in his office , his case might not be subjected to as great a degree of critical analysis as would be desirable .

This seems to be the case , for example , in considering the identity of the " Leon " Oswald present at the alleged Ferrie apartment meeting . Jim Garrison seems absolutely convinced that this was the real Lee Harvey Oswald .

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I talked also with many citizens in New Orleans to gain their views on Garrison in general . Approximately two - thirds expressed a favourable opinion , based mainly on his work in cleaning up Bourbon Street .

Even Mrs. Garner who has grave doubts concerning the " Leon " Oswald attending the alleged apartment meeting told me she has great respect for Garrison and wishes him every success in his probe .

Concerning another matter , I was handed today an article from that eminent journal The National Enquirer . Although the Castro theory of Mr. Ross seems patently ridiculous in view of the available evidence , Pascual Gongora does appear to be a rather intriguing individual .

I would be grateful if you would be kind enough to drop me a line should you hear anything further concerning Gongora and his alleged confinement .

With best wishes , I remain

Sincerely yours ,

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