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Dear Miss Meagher:

Thank you so much for your letter of October 14 which was forwarded to me by the New York Academy of Medicine.

Time, of course, does not permit me to go into the complexities of Lee Harvey Oswald. Let me only state that based upon my research, I have come to the conclusion that Lee Harvey Oswald was emotionally capable of carrying out a violent act. The Soviet psychiatrist's statement, which you mention in your review, that Lee Harvey Oswald was not dangerous, does not really prove very much. Many years of experience, not only my own, but all psychoanalysts who have been working in the field, have shown that a person who tries to commit suicide really wants to kill somebody else. Careful investigation of Lee Harvey Oswald's early life indicates a pattern of behavior which we may well characterize as anti-social or violent.

I am aware of the book written by the psychiatrist and his co-author and I do believe it is highly unfair of you to associate my work with his as you do by implication. Since you have only read the newspaper report, I do not believe it is fair of you to come to any conclusions, which you do in your letter, without having studied my full report. My report will be included in a book to be published next year and you might possibly read it there. I am glad to see that you, too, are publishing a book on the Warren Report and I will certainly read it with the greatest deal of attention.

Thanking you for your interest, I remain,

Sincerely yours,



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