

P.S. - Sept 10. My schedule is getting as busy as yours. I will write you later some details for the record. Do not bother to answer this letter.

Dear Mrs Meagher

Sept 7th 1968

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I received your letter of Sept 3rd today and am replying at once to correct the confusion in regard to the comment relating to your Subject Index.

The comment was mine in the first Person when I wrote "The 26 volumes of Hearings and Exhibits are of no value to a researcher without your Index" and I stand by this statement as being correct in a practical sense when looking up a specific item.

Mr. Wenberg wrote me that he spent about two years wading through the 26 volumes looking for certain items and everything was so scrambled and mixed up that it would not have been more effective if it had been done deliberately.

I went down to the library and scoured through them for an hour and agreed with him 100%.

I also noted such a mass of material that the Perry Mason show calls immaterial; irrelevant and inadmissible that it provides an excellent example of how to confuse the issue; deliberate

or not.

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The value of the 26 volumes on its own can be compared to building the Hadson river tunnel with picks and shovels and wheelbarrows. It can be done with an enormous expenditure of time, but in the case of a researcher, there are so many distractions and offbeat and way out leads it is like the tunnel builders did not have any surveying instruments and were just as liable to be digging upstream and downstream as reaching the other shore.

(the 26 vols)

In my opinion its only value is as a reference text book to look up a notation of a specific volume and page

I contend that your Index has an intrinsic value in its own right in the literature. It gives a list of the different items that were cussed and discussed

If all the copies of the 26 volumes were collected and ~~put~~ burned up [as Mrs Jack White, the head of the local chapter of the Minnet women tried to do here in San Antonio at the library around

1948-1950 when ³ her husband was Mayor, with books she considered to be Communist^s tainted. "Moby Dick" was on the list. It nearly came off) the Index would have a value on its own. only,

It is the book that I know of that mentions President Kennedy back brace except "Red Roses from Texas"

The point that I was trying to make was that your Index was a crucial link in the literature that was unnecessarily being suppressed

I am of the opinion that if the Government were really concerned with enlightening the public with the validity of the Commission Hearings they would include a copy of your Index with every set of the 26 volumes and send a copy to everyone who had purchased a set previously.

I am sorry that my bad script, without separation into paragraphs, and insertions would cause you to believe that I thought you were praising your own work, however

much it may be warranted. ^(H)

I have lived in England 29 of my 72 years and have absorbed a lot of the English customs

I thank you for your enclosure of a copy of your article in "The Minority of One" for September 1968.

I do not subscribe to any magazines but I wrote the minority of one last December for a list of all their issues on the Assassination and then ordered 6 back numbers and the two booklets.

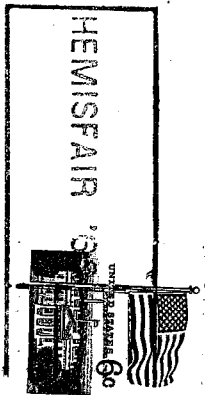
I was getting so many books and leads to other book titles that I had to eliminate magazines and newspaper articles from my lists for the present.

~~It~~ ^{your article} covers the subject of The Three Assassinations admirably in great detail and reinforces my opinion that we are approaching the conditions described in Gibbons' "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire" — Rule by assassination.

I thank you for your wishes of Good Luck with my Bibliography. I will need it to break even.

I am sincerely yours, W C Thompson

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