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Dear Ms Meagher:

Thank you so much for your honesty in appraising my need/use of your Warren Report "Index". My aim is to someday own the infamous 26 volumes (when I become as affluent as Ruth Paine) and when I do I will certainly order a copy of the "Index" from the University of Michigan.

I do not know if you read columnists Evans and Novak but I am enclosing a photocopy of a recent column which I think you might find interesting -- if not revealing. The name Cartha DeLoch was not entirely new to me for sometime in 1964 Newsweek had a several page feature on J. Edgar Hoover and his crony DeLoch was mentioned as accompanying the Director every winter to California to "play the horses", to Texas to visit their mutual buddy H. L. Hunt and to Miami where the gamblers rolled out the red carpet to them. What is surprising about the enclosed column is that Evans and Novak would mention his connection with Johnson, his rightwing "bias" and "blatant opportunism" Long perplexed -- maybe "bugged" is the correct word -- by who in the FBI might have protected certain elements and findings, I think this column goes along ways toward answering my questions. Eternal optimist that I am, I would like to think that this column is indicative of things boiling up in Washington. I just cannot accept the fact that a nation, anymore than an individual, can forever live a lie.

As a second purpose in sending this second letter to you, I would like to offer the following comment on DA Garrison: While your book, "Accessories After The Fact", appears to have Dallas aspects of the assassination pretty much figured out (Lts. Butler and Harrison, Walker, Caster, Ruby, etc.), is it not possible that perhaps the New Orleans public official has centered in on the Louisiana phase of the conspiracy? Harold Weisberg, in his book "Whitewash", stated that the key to the whole incident lies in New Orleans. As I said previously, I think Garrison missed the boat with Ruth Paine and also I have read where he does not think Loren Hall and Lawrence Howard were actually involved. This is where I think he was snowed -- and I wish that

2. someday a law enforcement officer or at least a book writer would take up the case of the mysterious William Seymour. What I think Garrison was trying to do -- and I of course can very well be wrong -- was link Ferrie and Company to Leon Oswald, that "Second" Oswald introduced to Mrs. Odio. I think he had a technical problem because he had to connect his case to the Dallas assassination (Lee Harvey Oswald) and could not push the point of Ferrie's chum being "Leon Oswald". If I remember my footnotes in your book, you have read "Plot or Politics?" by those two New Orleans reporters who, while not keen on Garrison, admit there were peculiar goings on in Louisiana in the summer of 1963. What I think is too bad is that he did not better prepare his case before going into court and did not refrain from issuing all his bulletins containing so many conflicting theories. Though you think he has caused people to accept the Warren Report, I find it quite the opposite around here -- the average person thinks the man has something. They don't know what but feel there was definitely plotting in those two states in the months preceding Nov. 22. Two thought provoking characters out of New Orleans are Agent Warren De Breuys (?) and Sergio Archa Smith, the latter moving to Houston and, after Nov. 22, to Dallas. Pictures of the Cuban show a likeness to Lawrence Howard and, at least from my readings, would indicate a physical similarity to the man (short, stock, dark) who some witnesses described as killing Tippit. Frankly, I think Garrison was premature with his case but I guess the press exposed his investigation against his wishes.

One interesting thing I read in your book was about the textbook representative William Caster having two rifles in the depository prior to the assassination. Has anyone investigated, to your knowledge, the possibility that William Caster is a relative to the mysterious Colonel Caster? Another thing I wish it were in my power to find out is the whereabouts of Agent Hosty at the time of Bobby Kennedy's death. I find it very strange that the Senator could tour up and down California without anything happening to him and yet on the very night he won that crucial primary, he was downed. What Sirhan's trial never told me is who he had been associating with for 6 months previously -- I just cannot help but feel someone incited him to action. I have long been puzzled by the Kennedy reaction to the Warren Report and the only explanation I can come up with for Bobby's silence is that perhaps some government agency had him over a barrel--reference the book, "Norma Jean" by I believe Fred Guiles. Had I been Bobby Kennedy on the day of that assassination, I would have immediately gotten on the phone to the very best detective agency in the world and told them to get to work in Dallas.

In your letter to me, Ms Meagher, you referred to, in essence, the number of crackpots who are presently trying to get in the act insofar as theorizing the truth about the case. Would you, by chance, include Bernard Fensterwald in this group? Some months ago I read in the Milwaukee

3. Journal where he was undertaking his own investigation and pledged to turn up the truth, etc. According to the article, he was a friend of Bobby Kennedy and the implication was that he had some "inside information" as to what had really happened. Do your Eastern newspapers contain anything about his activities? And, also, do you rank this Chicago invalid, Sherman Skolnick, in this category? The latter, as you probably know, has supposedly been given information by Abraham Bolden or Bolton, that Negro secret service man whisked off to prison in early '64.

I am sorry to have taken up so much of your time with this letter but, as you can see, I, too, am appalled by the governments handling of events in Dallas. I simply cannot believe that any government can protest such evil and get away with it. Every time I hear Spiro Agnew admonishing the newspapers and TV to "Tell it like it is", I feel like writing him that the same holds true for the federal government. Like you, I am baffled why the press -- courted so and charmed so by John F. Kennedy -- can sit back and not crusade for the truth. I read in newspaper accounts of Merriman Smith's death where he had taken to drink so in recent years and could not help but wonder if the cause had been a realization that the newspapers had let the country down in giving acceptance to Johnson's Warren Commission findings.

Thank you again for your honesty -- both in your book and regarding your other book.

Sincerely,

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