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Dear Mrs. Meagher:

Enclosed is the copy of EPOCA. If you find or can make out what the story is please let me know. I have an extra copy of the magazine, so the one enclosed is yours.

I was going to send the magazine out days ago, it's been sitting in it's envelope since tuesday. I was going to enclose a long letter trying to justify my involvement in the investigation....I was going to start by admitting that I have never really added anything, that I just collect information gathered by other people, that everything, almost, that can be done, in an investigative sense, has been done, and by much wiser people than I.

I was going to say a lot of stuff like that.....and then I was going to try to defend my particular talent, talking to people and having them believe me (which I'm quite good at--I once convinced a girl in Hartford, Alabama that all the women in New York were ironing creases and putting cuffs in their nylons----I'm really proud of that). I have talked personally and (thanks to your research, chiefly) intelligently about the case to hundreds of people, and have shown the film just as many times....

Anyway, I'm starting to do what I was going to do. Which I don't want to do.

I guess the only real way to put my involvement in some genuine perspective is to regard it as the ideal reaction of a private citizen. I have been amply shown that a wrong thing has taken place and I am personally up in arms about it. It's too bad that others are not as concerned as I over this. It's too bad I don't get myself as worked up over other issues as much as this one. I'm pretty young, and ~~this~~ is the most shocking thing I have yet known.

You advised me to leave the case alone. I can't. I wouldn't be able to even if I wanted to. I'm not an investigator, I'm just a see-er and a care-er and a screamer. I hope I've roused some interest in at least a few people...and I know that I've sold at least 5 copies of your book (which I regard as a personal victory). I know quite a few people who, after talking with me, will never blindly believe the likes of Mr. Warren again. Just as, after talking with you, I will not soon blindly believe in the altruism of the Likes of Lifton again. There be good and bad, as the pirates say.

I would still like to meet you sometime, if you ever have time....and I'd really be honored if you'd sign my copy of ACCESSORIES.

Also, I'd LOVE to make copies of the tapes we mentioned the other night (I could borrow them early in some week, dupe them, and have them back in 3 or 4 days)....but I wouldn't want to do this if it would be ANY kind of trouble or annoyance to you. You're one person I'd rather not alienate.

Anyway, please let me hear from you, and if there's any possible way that I could ever be of service to you, please let me know.

Thank you.

With all good wishes for peace profound,

Bob Johns

Handwritten Message on
outer wrapper.

"I just got the articles you sent.
Thank you! I'm saving them for
the bus ride home this weekend,
which is quite an honor.
Thank you again for all you've
done."

RT"