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Dear Sylvia Meagher,

We are members of a small group on the Arizona State University campus that are interested in doing research on the two Kennedy and Martin Luther King assassinations. We know Fred Newcomb through his son Ty and we make periodical trips to Los Angeles to see him and his extensive collection of assassination material.

We have ordered material from Fred and David Lifton and at this time have copies of the Zapruder, Muchmore and Nix films, slides on the composite Oswald photos and the train behind the Plaza, along with various tapes covering newcasts, interviews and police communications.

Most of us tend to accept the theory of Josiah Thompson as stated in his book. However, we also believe that Oswald was framed and that the assassination of JFK, RFK, and Martin Luther King are all related and not single episodes in history pulled off by "lone assassins."

All of us have read your excellent book Accessories After the Fact and we are continually using your index to the Warren Report. You are obviously one of the foremost authorities on the assassination of President Kennedy and for this reason we would like your opinion on a few matters.

We have been told for the past year that David Lifton's book is soon to come out and that it will contain information that will blow the whole case wide open. Do you believe he really has anything new and, if so, will it make any difference? We tend to think that at this point the American public could not care less.

This past summer there was a big stir in Los Angeles over suppressed evidence and eye witnesses to RFK's assassination. We were very excited about this at the time and had high hopes for the investigation. We ordered a copy of the court complaint. Since that time, however, nothing has happened and the complaint was finally dropped. Do you know why? We are beginning to have doubts about the whole affair especially since Sirhan's lawyers did not come up with any of this evidence. Could you possibly set us straight on what actually happened?

A theory accepted by many of Fred's correspondants and apparently by Fred himself is that Oswald was killed by the injection of air into his veins. We've searched the autopsy report as printed in the 26 Volumes and can't find much to back this up except "frothing blood" in the right chambers of Oswald's heart. What is your personal opinion of this idea?

As you can see, we are in a rather isolated area so far as getting information goes. We communicate with Fred and occasionally order material from Bud Fensterwald in Washington, but that's about as far as it goes. Possibly you could give us names of other people to contact and perhaps fill us in a little as to what is going on in the "critic community."

We have recently received some material from the Committee to Investigate Assassinations in Washington D.C. among which was a list of some of the more prominent members. A number of Fred's correspondents were listed but you weren't. We are wondering if you support the aim of this committee and their techniques. We realize that some of the material written by Richard Sprague and Paris Flammonde and the investigation conducted by Jim Garrison have done little to further the cause of truth and objectivity of the case.

Finally, we would like to know what we can do to help? We have held open discussions in the past where we have shown our films and slides but interest was limited. This, of course, isn't even making a dent in the apathy that exists among people here. Any advice you could offer in this area would be greatly appreciated.

Fred gave us your address and said you wouldn't mind getting a note from us. We hope this hasn't taken up too much of your time.

Thank you,
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