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Miss Sylvia Meagher
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Dear Miss Meagher:

Well, to start answering your letter of September 15 with its postscript, I am indeed the William Sloane who wrote TO WALK THE NIGHT so long ago. It has recently been reissued by Dodd, Mead in a book called RIM OF MORNING along with its companion volume and I am very pleased to be still in print after the lapse of a quarter of a century. The fact that the novel is still available makes me think very well indeed of Hans Christian Andersen and the little mermaid.

Your index to the Warren Commission report is a publishing project which is quite outside anything that this Press has ever done and, indeed, outside of the charter of definition which the University's Board of Governors has assigned to us here. I don't think our Press Council would consider the project for one moment and yet it is clearly of major value to historians, present and future. I am certain that you should find a publisher for it, more particularly if, as is not quite clear from your letter, the project is at the point where there is reasonable assurance it will not require modification as a result of further scholarship on our part.

I don't know what to suggest in connection with this project. Perhaps the best thing you could do would be, using my name as a sort of entre, to go to the central office of the Association of American University Presses, 20 West 43 Street, and consult with the executive secretary, Mr. Dana Pratt. A large number of presses in the Association are comparatively new and have circumstances of widely differing natures. This sort of project, which for us would be unmanageable, might prove a kind of valuable focal point for a newer press or a valuable addition to a list of a larger press. For one set of reasons, it occurs to me that Harvard University Press might be interested to hear of the existence of this work. For another set of reasons, the University of Southern Illinois Press might welcome news of it. There are several other places that come to mind but I believe Dana Pratt's general knowledge of the situation in all the presses would be of value to you in finding a publisher.

Along a different line, it is possible that the Kennedy library would be

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pleased to hear of this work. That library may very likely find itself necessarily in the publishing business and certainly an index of this sort ought to have a very high priority of interest.

I am not at all sure whether advice or suggestion from the Librarian of Congress would be of the least use to you but there are various funds available through him and I certainly think a letter there would be a justifiable approach.

Cordially,

William Sloane

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