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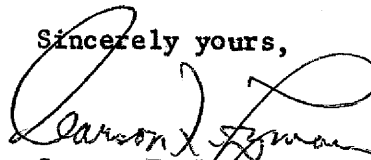
Dear Miss Meagher:

Your letter has come to my desk, and we were interested in reading your comments on the article and interview in our October 10 issue on the Kennedy assassination and the Warren Commission Report.

Enclosed is a memorandum from the editor who handled this matter, which you may find of interest.

We do not plan to carry anything further on this subject at the present time, but may be dealing with it again as news developments may warrant.

Sincerely yours,



Carson F. Lyman  
Managing Editor

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Most of the points raised were considered and answered in the Warren Commission report, including wild and erroneous newspaper reporting at the time.

There are persons who question whether Oswald had anything to do with the killing. The Mark Lane book, for instance, tries to make a case of "reasonable doubt." The Popkin book goes further, intimating that Oswald was incompetent to have fired the fatal shots and that he had one or two accomplices.

Our effort was to get the best authority we could find, and question him intensively about questions raised in the books and articles which have created doubt in the public mind.

For various reasons, none of the seven members of the Commission or the Chief Counsel was available for interview on the record. We consulted some privately.

We got one of the best assistant counsels serving the Commission -- Mr. Specter, now Philadelphia District Attorney. Study of the 16 volumes of exhibits accompanying the Warren Report shows that Mr. Specter was intimately involved in some of the most controversial areas of investigation, including the weapon, the bullets, the wounds, the autopsy, the testimony of principals at the scene of the assassination, at the hospitals and elsewhere. On this basis, he would seem to be as competent as anyone to speak out, and perhaps even more so than some Commission Members who looked at the over-all picture, and were not intimately involved in detailed investigation.

Our interest was in performing a public service, and we feel that we did, despite remaining doubts many people unquestionably will cherish for some time to come.

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