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Another Presidential assassination is a distinct possibility, unless the American Right is effectively denied what seems to be its "veto by assassination over future American policy." This warning was sounded by Dr. Conor Cruise O'Brien, internationally known diplomat and former United Nations official who is now Albert Schweitzer Professor in the Humanities at New York University.

Reviewing the book Accessories After the Fact by Sylvia Meagher in the magazine The Minority of One for December, Dr. O'Brien concludes that it "thoroughly discredits" the Warren Commission's finding that Lee Harvey Oswald was the sole assassin and suggests that there was a conspiracy which resorted to assassination in order to veto President Kennedy's policies. "If indeed a conspiracy of this kind did kill Kennedy, then a future President who incurred the displeasure of the same or similar circles would be likely to meet the same fate," says O'Brien. As a hypothetical case he envisages that if Rockefeller were to become President next year, with Reagan as his Vice President, and if President Rockefeller were to decide to move in the direction of withdrawal from Vietnam, some super-patriot might regard him as a traitor and "deem it both meritorious and politically useful to remove him, opening the way for President Reagan and so, presumably, for policies acceptable to the far Right." O'Brien suggests that with this as a possibility, "it would be a brave Presidential candidate who would be prepared to accept Reagan as his running mate."

To remove the specter of "veto by assassination" from American political life Dr. O'Brien urgently calls for a serious and independent investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy.

Before writing Accessories After the Fact, which was released on November 30th by Bobbs-Merrill, Mrs. Meagher published the Subject Index to the Warren Report and the Hearings and Exhibits (Scarscrow Press, 1966).