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Mrs. Sylvia Meagher

Dear Mrs. Meagher:

Your letter and inclosures are what I needed. Thank you for your care in presenting them.

I must still try to make definition of my position which I did not state effectively in my last letter. I prefer to call a grey a grey and not a black or a white. Justice Warren and Senator Cooper were neither of them villains; they were weak in positions where there should have been strength, and that is the source of the tragedy. What they and Garrison did are not ethically different from what Franklin Delano Roosevelt did on many occasions. I do not excuse such ethics but I recognize that in the world and in the Establishment there are very few who rise above them. Another case of this weakness was the role of Sir Stafford Cripps as Chancellor of the Exchequer after the second world war. Word got out that Britain was going to devalue the pound, and since Cripps was one of the most honest and ethical men in the cabinet he was the appropriate person to deny the rumor. His integrity was Britain's "capital" that could be expended to give credence to the lie. Justice Warren's honor was similarly exploited to give credence to the Warren Report. The weakness of these men had terrible consequences to the integrity of their nations, and we should make no excuse for them. But it is amiss to paint them as black, and the public rightly rejects such an evaluation of them. Sauvage appraised this quality well on page 329 - 30 of his Oswald Affair. I feel that to say that Garrison is in the same category as Justice Warren is missing my point. If he were in that category he would definitely not be merely a "transparent mountebank", but also a man found wanting, ethically weak.

Perhaps Salandria and others were not mislead in seeing in Garrison good qualities, failing to recognize that they were so largely vitiated by the character weakness that you have catalogued.

As I tried to indicate in my last letter, I feel that the evaluation of Garrison is a separate matter than the ethical consideration I have just discussed. I have to depend in part on the knowledge and references made available by others. I am not where I can easily get such information in a brief period of time. I know how misleading appearances can be. You have done me a great service in documenting

the case that Garrison is essentially fraudulent. I want to sound Salandria out with care on his failure to make the careful discrimination that the case requires.

The Miami tape seems to me one of the important pieces of evidence to work on now. If there has been any effort to disprove it, any evidence against its validity I want to know of it. I asked Penn and Bill Barry about this, and Penn only gave me his OK to use it, and I have had not other response. If you know of such evidence I would greatly appreciate receiving it.

When I visited Vince I read part of his current book or article The Watchman Waketh But in Vain. I feel that there is impressive material in it, although I took exception to some things in it when I read it, and have seen but one installment of its publication in Penn's paper.

I did not mean to criticize you with regard to teamwork; My objective was to raise the question and issues that I felt might be relevant about which I was ignorant.

So, with my regards and my thanks,

Sincerely

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