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Dear Mr. Conlon,

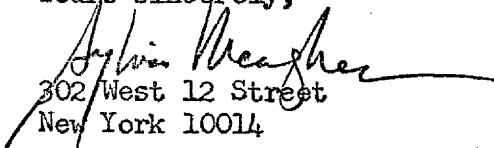
Thank you for your letter of the 23rd. It arrived, by coincidence, just as I finished reading Tears of Autumn. It is, as you say, a very provocative thesis. Indeed, the library of fiction on the JFK assassination (other than the Warren Report itself) grows by leaps and bounds. There was a tour-de-force last year by the same man who wrote Manchurian Candidate, as well as the Parallex View. It is hard to keep up to date!

As to your thesis of beginner's luck: if that was the only ground for rejecting the Warren Report, I would not press the issue of marksmanship. However, the WR is leaky, crumbly, and disintegrating at every significant point of the trinity motive-means-and-opportunity. Many of its defects and deformities are fully documented in my book and in the works of other critics.

In other words, the case of the critics against the WR does not rest on marksmanship, rifle, and bullets alone --it rests on the whole of the spurious and deceptive Report and on each and every one of its constituent parts.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,


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