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Dear Mrs. Meagher:

Your Accessories After The Fact is one of the most careful, thorough and intelligent analysis of the evidence in the JFK assassination that I have read. A remarkable rebuttal to the Warren Report. Since you have continued to follow-up on the many aspects of this case, could I please ask for your comments and help in locating information that has come to light since your book was published? This letter is divided into two parts. The first part discusses certain points of evidence and asks for your comment. The second part lists subjects and asks for your help in providing a list of commission documents which contain information on any or all of these subjects.

Part One

I would appreciate your comments on these points of evidence:

(1.) The Zapruder Film

- (a.) Can you confirm that Life's copy of the film viewed by you and others during 1966 shows a light-colored spray of matter (particles and one fist-sized piece) moving rearward at great speed over the car's trunk and coincidental with Kennedy's backward movement immediately after Z313?

(1.)

- (b.) Some researchers have claimed that the unpublished studies of Whitney Joy (engineer, Tuscon, Ariz., 1967) & H. R. Hooper (structural engineer, Kennebunk, Me.) "prove" that the head snap & the backward movement of the President's body is the result of the impact forces exerted by the rear-entering bullet & aided by the lower-back brace worn by the President. I can accept the fact that the impact would swivel the head to the left to a certain degree, but for a bullet traveling at about 1300 mph on a 12 degree downward course & striking a body which is leaning forward (& therefore off balance) for this forward & downward force to lift the heavy body up & backward in a split second, just seems illògical if not impossible.
- (c.) You've stated in your book that the film "...does not enable the viewer to pinpoint the exact moment of impact...of the bullet (or bullets) that struck the Governor." Do you now accept Josiah Thompson's analysis that the Governor was struck at Z234-238?
- (d.) Comment on D. Olson & R. F. Turner's article "The Photographic Evidence..." (Journal of Forensic Sciences, Oct. '71) which contends that the President was first hit at Z192 & therefore only one assassin was necessary. The stumbling blocks to this theory are obviously (a) the interval between Z192 & Z234 is too short, & (b) the President was obscured by the oak tree.

(e.) Can you cite a source or sources where I could purchase the film at a reasonable cost? The sources I have found (Robert Cutler, Penn Jones, & R. Rhodes) charge, what I think, are excessive prices.

(2.) The Nix Film

Can you cite a source or sources where I could purchase the film at a reasonable cost? The sole source I know of (Mr. R. Rhodes) charges \$20.00 for 50 feet of B&W film. I feel that this price is excessive.

(3.) The Autopsy Materials

What can & cannot be determined from the reviews of the materials by Drs. Lattimer & Wecht? Also comment on these related points:

- (a.) The mis-matching of the bullet holes in the back of the President's coat & shirt in comparison with the wound in the back of the neck. Still photos & the Zapruder Film prove that the coat was not bunched up--yet for the autopsy photos to be genuine, the coat had to be bunched upward.
- (b.) Was the head wound caused by one bullet or two? Some researchers are contending that the autopsy materials do not support the possibility of a shot coming from the right-front. Since the available evidence is incomplete (the brain should have been but was not dissected--as Dr. Wecht just recently pointed out on late-night ABC-TV) how can anyone definitely state that no knoll shot occurred? What also puzzles me is the fact that Dr. Wecht

was quoted in The N. Y. Times (Aug. 27, '72) as saying that there was a "little flap" wound just above the hairline on the back, left side of the President's head. The story mentioned that he couldn't determine whether or not this wound was one of entry or exit. It's obvious that this wound could very well be an exit wound for the knoll shot (or fragment) but I have found no further mention of this wound. Have you discussed this with Dr. Wecht?

(4.) The Reliability of the Assassination Ammunition

Dr. John K. Lattimer has further confused this point by claiming that he has a 1972 letter from Winchester-Western Cartridge Co. stating that 6.5mm ammo was last manufactured in 1954. Is it only coincidence that '54 reversed is '45, the time period claimed by the manufacturer originally? Would you please send a photocopy of the two letters you received from the manufacturer during 1965?

(5.) Articles Authored Since Accessories...

Please provide a list of the magazines and newspapers which have carried your articles since the publication of your book. To enable me to obtain them by mail-order, please include the publications addresses. I have located these articles: The Minority of One (several during '67 to late '68) & The Texas Observer, Aug. 13, '71, "The Curious Testimony of Mr. Givens".

(6.) Possible Radio Interview

Please provide your telephone number & I will

try to convince a St. Louis, Mo., radio station (KMOX, CBS Radio) to arrange a telephone interview with you. One of their personalities, a Mr. Jack Carney, has stated his belief that the cover-up foisted upon the public by the Warren Commission was "criminal". I plan to send him copies of significant commission documents which point up the glaring misrepresentations in the Warren Report. Hopefully, these documents & other items can result in serious & not trivial questions in any interview.

Part Two

I am attempting to collect some of the most significant of the Warren Commission documents and administrative records filed at the National Archives. To date, I've purchased many documents described in Accessories After The Fact, Six Seconds in Dallas, A Citizen's Dissent, etc. I also have the Document Addendum to the Warren Report. Since many documents have been declassified after these books were published; your help is needed in identifying commission documents (by file and page number) that contain information on the subjects listed below. Rather than allow this information to gather dust on my bookshelf I plan to visit area libraries and persuade them to either photo-copy these documents or purchase them directly from the Archives.

Are there further commission documents available on these subjects:

(1.) Lee Harvey Oswald

- (a) Government informant or agent? Which executive session transcript contains the remark that the directors of the federal agencies would lie to coverup any link with Oswald?

- (b) Possessed a high security clearance while in the Marines?
 - (c) Knew David Ferrie or other persons suspected of being government employees?
 - (d) Warned of plot in FBI-TWX?
- (2.) Oswald Double
- (a) Rambler station-wagon & Oswald double?
 - (b) Hoover memo mentioning Oswald double a year before Nov. 22?
- (3.) Suspects
- (a) Two men on 6th floor of TSBD?
 - (b) Unidentified man leaving the TSBD through the back door?
 - (c) Persons detained or arrested in Dealey Plaza?
 - (d) Impersonation of Secret Service agents?
 - (e) Evidence of the firing of a weapon from behind the stockade fence & from the east side of Houston Street?
 - (f) Two men handling a rifle near the TSBD before Nov. 22?
- (4.) Deputy Sheriff Roger Craig's statement about finding the ejected cartridges stacked neatly near the southeast corner window?
- (5.) Descriptions of the autopsy which contradict the Warren Commission's version?
- (6.) Descriptions of the spectrographic and/or neutron activation analysis of the bullet & fragments?

Your assistance in fulfilling even a fraction of my requests will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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