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Dear Dr Pauling,

I was happy and honored to receive your letter of 23 November 1965, and I hope that you will forgive me if this reply is lengthy. This is not a subject which can be capsulized.

The 40-page article, an abstract of which I sent to you, was written shortly after the Warren Report was issued and before the publication of the 26 volumes of Hearings and Exhibits, on the basis of what then appeared to be serious weaknesses, contradictions, and incoherence in the Report itself. When the Hearings and Exhibits were published, I began an intensive study of the evidence. I was deeply shaken to find that instead of resolving the doubts created by the Report, the evidence on which the Report ostensibly was based was flagrantly at variance with the Commission's factual assertions in instance after instance. The Hearings and Exhibits disillusioned me completely about the integrity and competence of the investigation and greatly intensified my scepticism of the official conclusions. However, I did not feel justified without seeking further clarification in reaching, or publishing, a denunciation of the Report.

Consequently, I sent a series of letters to members or counsel of the Commission, requesting clarification of factual conflicts between the evidence and the assertions in the Report and of misrepresentations and omissions. I did not receive a single clarification of a substantive matter and in most cases I received no reply of any kind. This led me to believe that the authors of the Report are unable to explain or justify the crude and in some instances deliberate distortions in their work.

Meanwhile, I had begun two projects. One was the compilation of a subject index, attempting to introduce some coherence in the huge mass of unclassified unrationalized data. The subject index, consisting of some 400 categories of information, will be published early in 1966 by Scarecrow Press. It is my hope that it will facilitate the labor of scholars and historians who search for the factual and the moral truth about the monumental tragedy of November 22nd-24th.

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The second project was a comparative study, to show the conflicts between the Warren Report and the testimony and evidence on which it purportedly is based; and to show the appalling lack of impartiality and the carelessness which characterizes the investigation and which compromises the findings, beyond redemption in my opinion. I have completed about 250 pages of this study and although I had planned originally something about twice that length, I am now beginning to believe that it would be wrong to withhold this material from publication for any considerable time. I intend to seek the interest of a publisher in the manuscript as it now stands, in the near future.

Since the 40-page article is now completely anachronistic, I am taking the liberty of sending you instead three sections from my manuscript which serve to reveal the utter inadequacy of the Commission's investigation and which strongly suggest that a group of conspirators carried out the evil butchery for which Lee Harvey Oswald has been stigmatized. I would not impose on your time and patience by asking you to read these excerpts from my manuscript were I not convinced that it is of cardinal importance to the future of this country and of the world, and the peace of the world, to expose a monstrous and horrifying miscarriage of justice and treachery of ugly dimensions.

I say this not on the basis of my own study alone, but after contact or collaboration with others who are committed to the establishment of the truth about the assassination, however bitter it may be--Leo Sauvage, Vincent Salandria, Sylvan Fex, among others. Their findings, and those of others, including photographic evidence of very great importance, have convinced me that the guilty assassins are still at large.

May I impose still further by asking you please to return these unsolicited sections of my manuscript after you have looked at them, as they are excerpted from the sole carbon copy in my possession. I am very sorry that I do not have a copy that you might keep; perhaps you have facilities to copy these sections, which you are surely welcome to do, if you wish.

With my deep gratitude for your interest,

Respectfully yours,

Sylvia Meagher

(Enclosures)