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Mr David Welsh
News Editor
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Dear Mr Welsh,

In the manuscript I sent you two days ago I included inadvertently a section titled "Tippit and the Pedestrian" which I have since rewritten. I would be grateful if you would delete everything which follows after the first sentence of the second paragraph on the fourth page of that section and substitute, immediately after the sentence "We revert now to the Commission's assertion..." the enclosed new pages, which are more precise than the earlier draft.

I was glad to have the chance of talking to you on the phone the other night, and to learn that you had a long meeting with Mrs. Field. She is one of the real authorities on the Warren Report and its companion volumes, and has an encyclopedic knowledge of the whole history of the investigation and its sorry results. My own thinking on the case is very much in step with Mrs Field's.

While various theories about what really may have happened in Dallas on November 22nd and thereafter have undeniable merit, I have always felt that nothing can really alter the present state of mind in the country unless the Warren Report is discredited and exposed as a synthetic and untrustworthy document. If those who enjoy power and influence, if not the public at large, are persuaded to take a hard look at the defects in the Report and its promiscuity with facts and evidence, it will be a long step forward toward the reopening of the whole case. Short of a new investigation by an unimpeachable body, the prospects seem to me dim for uncovering the real truth --we do not have reliable facts and we certainly do not have complete facts.

For that reason, I am in full accord with your objective of pressing for a reopening of the case and, I assume, a new investigation. I know that the material in my manuscript exposes very grave weakness in the Report but that the style is not geared to a general readership. But the main thing is to get the facts aired, and perhaps aiming for the highest possible denominator is the most promising approach.

Sincerely yours,


Sylvia Meagher

P.S. In the chapter "Where Did the Shots Come From?", on the last page of (3) "Incompleteness and Selectivity," some dates should be inserted in the spaces left blank. In line 6, "Tom Howard died of an apparent heart failure in May 1965..." and in the footnote, line 9, "...in the ~~issue~~ of June 3, 1965." Thanks.