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Dear Howard —

Many thanks for your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> and the enclosures. I did indeed "enjoy" your exchange with Uriah Belin — what fortunate the man displays. I suspect that between us we could drive him into a nervous breakdown — though I would prefer to see him and his co-accessories in jail, where they belong.

Please, Howard, could you make a xerox or other copy of any handwritten letters I may send you from Fire Island, and let me have the copies in the fall, when I am back on W. 12 St., for my files? I would be grateful, as otherwise I shall have no record and I try to keep my archives in better shape than certain parties keep theirs.

I managed to read through about 250 pages of your book before the house-guests arrived. I am truly awed and full of admiration for the quality of your research, the importance of

and fairness, towards those hypocrites and liars who had neither such scruples nor integrity; the force of your reasoning, and the clarity of your exposition. Above all, I am overjoyed by your uncompromising assessments and characterizations of the shabby men who contributed to the shameful official "history." Your book is unquestionably a major work of crucial, perhaps decisive, importance.

Your achievement is simply monumental and if I may be personal, it makes me feel that whatever I was able to do has been worthwhile if to any degree it contributed to your interest in and your work on the case.

I can only congratulate and salute you, though it seems inadequate to the achievement. You may quote my remarks about your book, freely and to anyone, if you think it useful.

All the very best,

Sylvia Meagher