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Dear Howard,

Thanks for sending me the copy of your excellent letter of the 21st to Kaye Northcott. I do hope that she publishes at least excerpts in the next issue; and I imagine that she will send a copy to Belin, in any case, as she has sent me a copy of a letter she received from Belin. As I do not yet have access to a xerox machine, suffice it to say that Belin asks for additional copies of the Tex.Obs. to send to some of his WC colleagues "so that they can still see the fraud that is being perpetrated on the public by authors like Sylvia Meagher and so they can also see how easily members of the public are misled and deceived as illustrated by your editorial comments on page 23." He then "sincerely regrets" that Miss Northcott "has fallen victim to the technique of the sensationalists" and attributes her lapse to lack of time to familiarize herself thorough with the WR!!

I hope that you enjoyed your camping trip and, more important, that the decision promised by Little, Brown "in two weeks" will be the right one. If not, please do not be unduly discouraged--it may require several tries. Very few books get grabbed by the first publisher to whom they are submitted.

I had no sooner returned from Fire Island (yesterday) than I got a call from Cyril Wecht, during which he mentioned that he is about to make the approach to Burke Marshall on viewing the autopsy photos and X-rays. I do not anticipate that permission will be promptly given, and perhaps not at all, but if and when Wecht (or anyone else of his competence and stature) is given access to that material, he should first have the benefit of acquainting himself with the very important material in your ms. Do you intend to make the ms. available to Wecht? I know that he would really relish a chance to read the exchange of letters between yourself and Russell Fisher et al.

Please let me know of any developments on these or related matters, and when you get a chance please up-date your footnote in re: Givens to refer to the article as published in the 8/13/71 Tex. Obs. Warm regards,

Sincerely,

P.S. I mailed you yesterday (by "Library Rate" which may slow delivery somewhat) a copy for you to keep of Accessories. I am only sorry that you did not have the book up to now.