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Mr. Edward J. Epstein
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Dear Mr. Epstein:

Your book and the articles in the current Esquire are very interesting--to say the least. While time does not permit me to be a real "buff", this subject has been of great interest to me. The following are some odds and ends and an idea or two:

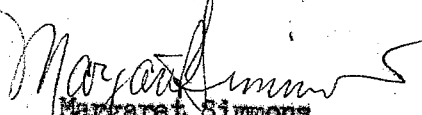
1. If Oswald was "after" Connally, would not his best shot have been while the car was going toward the Depository on Houston Street? On the other hand, if he were "after" Kennedy, this would have been a very doubtful shot--Connally is a big man.
2. If Oswald's gun only had sufficient power to penetrate a few inches into the flesh of JFK's back, could it have had enough power to blast off half of his head?
3. It is a frequent rumor here that Fred Corth, now a Fort Worth banker but formerly secretary of the navy and a Johnson-Connally pal, handled a divorce action for Mrs. Oswald, the assassin's mother. Has this ever been checked out as a possible connection between the parties involved?
4. When Oswald left his rooming house after the killing, he was on a direct course to Ruby's apartment and remained on it--even after the killing of Tippit--until he got within one and a half blocks of Ruby's residence where he was forced to turn back in the opposite direction to the Texas theater.
5. It was reported that Oswald and Ruby had post office boxes within arms length of each other. Is this true?
6. Was it pure chance that Oswald's former landlady of one week's duration was on the bus he boarded on Elm Street after the killing?
7. A systematic list of "lost", missing, and unused evidence might show some pattern of who was responsible for them being "lost", missing, and unused.

8. The "McBeth" theory is very popular here. A systematic listing of political murders in Texas in recent years could show some pattern in who would have benefited the most from them and the forces which put them into action. It cannot be stressed enough that motive and benefit are always closely linked in planned crimes--especially murder.

It is my high hope that you and others will keep working on this and not settle for anything less than a complete investigation which will satisfactorily explain all of the questions involved.

If I can be of any help at any time--absolutely free of charge and on a strictly voluntary basis, of course--please let me know.

Sincerely yours,


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Congratulations, Mrs. Meagher,
on the fantastic job! Things
should move faster now.

P.S. -

Was Ruby ever offered protection
and immunity for his cooperation?
This certainly seems like a logical
step, doesn't it?

My theory is that Oswald and Ruby
were being used in the same over-all
plot but as counter-checks to each
other in separate phases of it.

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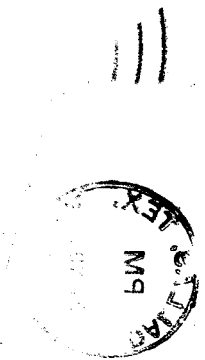
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