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Dear Mrs Meagher,

A few days ago I received a form letter from the NY 5th & 42nd library telling me I couldn't have a copy of your out-of-print INDEX without permission from the copyright owner. Well, I can understand that OK & I don't quarrel with it, even if I did see myself heading in for another long hangup. It was a long enough delay in learning just that much. But then I got still more annoyed by not having my question regarding cost of Xeroxing answered. And then I got shook up even more on recalling that recently a pen-pal of mine (Mrs Helen Hartmann, St Petersburg, Fla) received a letter from you in which you mentioned the Xeroxing bit - and in which I recall you didn't enclose anything like, say, a mimeo authorization for Xeroxing. And then I put all this together with everything else I am unhappy about, relative to standing still in JFK assassination affairs - including such things as having been trying for the past month or two to get a List of Basic Source Materials, etc, from the Archivist. And then... Well, that's enough. The end of it was that I decided I was doing well enough on my own anyway & might even get myself misled by having somebody else's Index to rely upon.

But I have just now had a can of beer & am thinking that maybe I ought to have your stupid old Index anyway - even though I've just got done convincing myself how well I could do without it. The More I read ACCESSORIES, and the more carefully I read it, the more I keep thinking how much I really ought to have this lady's Index. Please send me the authorization I need to get a copy. Or, even better yet, I would be happy to deal with your own personal Xerox machine & pass the benefit on to you.

As with many others there are many, many things which bu^g me concerning events following the assassination & up until the present. It is a shame that people must write letters to one another for the answers. In fact, it cannot even be done that way: there are always too many questions. Please, can you stand still for one question?:

In ACCESSORIES you were saying something about how, at first, you were thinking about how Garrison was really Great Stuff - but changing your mind later. Apparently some new evidence re Garrison came up about then. And I was thinking that your book was unfortunately timed, being printed just after the first Garrison attacks were launched, & that you were temporarily misled. But # it appears that your present opinion of Garrison is the same as when the # # book went to press - and I just don't understand it.

I mean,- I want so much to believe that both you & Garrison are wanting to do the same thing, and it seems that you are, yet I do not understand how you can be at odds. IF there is a difference between you I just don't know what it is. Couldn't you clarify this?

I understand that Mr Bob Ruark, "Open Mike", WLCY St Petersburg/Tampa has been wanting to have you on his program as a long-distance-telephone guest. If this thing

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is forthcoming, ##### I won't even ask you to reply to the question in a letter. I listen to this program every night, and would not miss your reply to it if it were aired.

Incidentally, if you need some encouragement about the WLCY show, ## let me tell you this: Ruark's Open Mike program is the one singlemost popular radio program in the entire Tampa Bay area of Florida, top standing among all the radio shows offered by all the three dozen radio stations in the area. If you want a Florida audience, this is it.

Also, incidentally, Mr Ruark provided a "poll night" the other evening in which all callers were provided the opportunity to vote on whether or not they would wish a reopening of the # assassination inquiry. The poll consisted of two questions: Whether or not in agreement with the W/R, and whether or not a new investigation should be had. At the end of the show (2 1/2 hrs) Mr Ruark announced the results. 18% agreed W/R, 82% no agree, 82% in favor new investigation. So by this you can smell the atmosphere hereabouts.

Another interesting thing, which you could not know unless somebody told you: St Pete Fla is really an Outside Corner of the world. It is completely shut off from everything. Bob Ruark is the only link most people hereabouts have with the outside world. How he alone is the sole survivor, I can only guess. Maybe it has to do with it being difficult, after all, to disemploy the man who is by popular vote the best moneymaker one has. What a smug, smug thought this is. Corruption cancelling corruption, yet!

If you do come on the WLCY show, ##### please make the best of it during the opening 10 or 15 minutes, before the callers ask you their questions. Several reasons for this. One is, from what I get out of being a steady listener to the program, it does seem to me that on certain occasions some ##### Guests do seem to be sabotaged with an array of callers specially designed to do the least they can in the way of asking pertinent questions. Probably you are familiar with this phenomenon already. In fact, thinking about it for a moment, this is the essential problem and the other problems are variations of the same thing. When the callers-in come on, my suggestion: If what they are asking or saying seems to sidetrack the principle issues as you see them - then do this: Answer their questions briefly, then explain to them (and all the very many listeners) that their questions are just not as fundamental as the ones they might have asked - and then get on to saying a few words of your own before the next caller comes on. 55 minutes is really not a very long time when you are talking about the assassination, and you have to protect yourself against sidetracking. Unless you are one of those who have come to ##### relish sidetracking, no longer able to show up in public without a guarantee that saboteurs will be provided.

It is all so complicated. But please do show up on Ruark's program. No matter what it turns out to be I can give you a moneyback written guarantee that you will have a ## lot of people listening to you. That is Ruark's stock in trade. If you object the the idea of individual closed societies within the US, here is your opportunity to penetrate one.

cc Helen
cc Ruark

Thanks,
Stephen Sorance