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Dear Mrs Meagher,

Now that <sup>I've</sup> read your kind 4 April thru for the third time, I can reply to it. It was certainly important enough to my needs that I should have wanted to digest it as completely as possible. And as I can't take issue with anything that you say, it remains only for me to thank you. And I do thank you.

Some additional notes went out to you in an earlier mail today. The addressees were determined on the basis of my having been in contact with them all in the past and knew of their mail addresses. You will understand my frustration in having an assortment of notes, some of which might be useful, & not wanting to see them go to waste. I hate ironies.

I do not look for the assassination to <sup>be</sup> "solved", with findings published, ever. Moreover, I think it is relatively unimportant to establish "who done it" - whether the Righties or the Lefties or any other ~~group~~ or even combinations of groups. From my point of view the thing of greatest significance is how the 27 (sic) volumes could ever have come into being. A truly Great enigma: that the WR and the 26 supporting ("supporting") volumes can simultaneously exist. Jones may not have been far wrong in his recent WLCY broadcast when he said that our situation today in the USA parallels 1939 Germany. The fact of the 26 having been published, though, would seem to place us in a somewhat better position than that. In Germany it would not have been. Moreover, there seems to have been an additional bonus tossed in: the vols including & following CE 1054. Almost like an invitation to attack. It is all so puzzling. What emerges from it all is the perfectly clear hint that we are not running our own show, but rather that the show is being run by some anonymous director or directors. That, I think, is the important thing.

Thank you for your last paragraph! But I am beyond help. At 44 I'm getting too fixed in my ways. And as I've earned my living since '52 as a commercial Maritime Radio Officer (a sailor), I wouldn't sound real to myself without being real nasty once in a while. Am glad you have the facility of being able to separate ideas from personalities. An idea is an entity within itself, something to be considered in view of its own merits & without regard to its source. This is something which ought to be drummed into the heads of schoolkids, seems to me. Most people, possibly, don't arrive at this until they are already hung up in middle age, too late to have made the most of the knowledge. And it's a shame.

Your next-to-last para... Well, I will have to admit that it does put me properly in my place. I'll also say that my remark re the critics was an unfair one, thoughtless. It seems I must have been unhappy over the circumstance of each chapter of any book not equalling the total length of the book itself, which would be a difficult complaint to defend. And no, I couldn't do any better - not ever. To offset my having shaken you up on this one point, let me say this nice thing to you: Your ACCESSORIES was so well done that it is an irony to have it packed away on one shelf under ~~one~~ category at the libraries.

Your comments on Jones are appreciated. I have been receiving his weekly paper for some weeks & have gotten some back issues. What drives him apparently goes back well prior to the Assassination date, which pleases me. The man seem to be

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"for real" thru & thru. That he could on occasion be misled would not necessarily make him less genuine, as you would agree. But unfortunately the harm would be the same.

Craig is for me a puzzle, moreso in view of the early news clips to which you refer. (Unfortunately, I never did pay any attention to anything much whatever until nearly two years ago when I witnessed a marsh-gas phenomenon in mid-Pacific, up until which time I seldom read newspapers & positively never saved clippings). But whatever the present case with Craig, whether he is becoming more truthful or less truthful, it would seem to me that either possibility would be equally interesting. Likewise with Mercer. Pardon me for breaking into rudeness again, but while I can agree with the criticism or at least not be able to refute it - I can still ask: So What? The problem then becomes something like 3rd cousin to whatever it was you said in ACCESSORIES about the right shoe # being placed onto the wrong foot or something. The problem does not evaporate, it simply gets shifted elsewhere. When contradictions exist, maybe one of the first things to be ~~####~~ inquired into might be the pressures or influences responsible for them. Sometimes it does seem that in order for one to ever speak his mind, however briefly, he has to be without family & with a poison pill in a hollowed-out tooth. Blah...

Time to stop, I think. In closing: Yes, I agree without reservation that the same standards of investigating things ought to apply no matter what you are investigating.

Also, let's hope that the prevailing standards are elevated onto a properly high level so that Dr King's Assassination will not be investigated and reported in the manner of the John Kennedy Assassination.

*\* Sometimes mistakenly referred to as a "shooting" or a "murder".*

Again, Many Thanks,

*Stephen Scrusier*

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Notes:

Received today some pages from the Friendly Archivist. Enclosing a couple of them.

Have yet to read them carefully, but note ABADIE, the missing page from CE 1750. While we hear nothing firm in the 26 relative to who Ruby really was in the Dallas community, we see here in this previously missing page that Ruby may have had previously unmentioned "business" operations - one of which apparently was a sufficiently large operation to require the use of warehouse space, & a shop foreman to handle operations.

Incidentally, the ~~###~~ handwritten "278" does not seem to correspond with the handwritten page numbers on the remaining pages, the ones published in CE 1750. Which, of course, might mean nothing. But if you don't start out by suspecting simply everything, how far can you get?

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The SIEDBRAND pages are enclosed only because of the "CD 87" marking on the first page. My order for 15 pages was solely for CD 86 pages. Maybe just an honest slip of the pen, & of no consequence.

Relative to similarities in the Dr King Assassination vs the President Kennedy Assassination, am enclosing a letter from Mrs Hartmann. She would not mind my doing so. Possibly some of the facts she reports might not coincide with facts promulgated up around your part of the country, which in itself might be of interest. Don't get too confused about the signature. It's a private joke. For some weeks now I've addressed Helen as H-9, signing myself as X-9. Helen does not like the idea very much, I don't think, which makes it even funnier. Once in a while she will strain to go along with it at least part way. Me, I've passed the barrier: It is all too serious, all of it, for most people to deal with unless they let themselves lapse (or relax) into some kind of crazy humor. Even ACCESSORIES would not have made quite the same impact without its being written from this point of view.

Etc.

Tfx copy, this page: Helen (H-9)

PS -

Yes, it does seem that the original pages of notes were addressed to you rather than another. One of the reasons I did not mail it (if we can ever figure out our own reasons for anything) came out of a dislike of burdening productive people with letters they have to take time out for in order to sit down & answer.

So don't waste time answering this one. But please keep it on file so that I might learn from you at some later time whether it was received. My current neurosis seems to ~~be~~ center about the safety of the mail. What next?!

Stephen Scaumen