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In appreciation of various enclosures you provided in a past letter, I return to you two copies each of them. This should make the answering of similar letters more easy, and I do not doubt that you have a problem in keeping up with your mail.

Please note that while in Thermofaxing the enclosures I noted that your 7 March 68 letter to Cos Cob Conn came out, reproduced, in such a form that nobody would ever have guessed that the addressee had been inked out in the first place. These days, it seems, you gotta use the right ink. Or a razor blade.

To make it a little funny, I will have to admit to this: The first thing I did on noting the inked-out address was to hold

the page up to the light & at all angles from it. This is, after all, what people do. And if I am not a people, then what am I? So I did it. But it came to nothing. I just couldn't make it out. But then what happens, just now when I'm standing over a hot Thermofax machine? The Machine pays Zero attention to the jet black ink you used & reveals to all the inked-out addressee. (who means nothing to me anyway, so I'll just file her away & forget her.)

I respect your own respect for personal privacy. Just trying to help!

Please do another book real fast. This is a thing I'm urging anybody to do, without regard to their point of view. The "wrong" ones will eventually sort themselves out in the "pulbic eye", I hope.

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For both the archivist administering them and the researcher seeking access, the records of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy—some 300 ft. constituting a part of Record Group 220, Records of Presidential Commissions, and Boards, in the National Archives—are best viewed through the Commission's Report (Washington, 1964; xxiv, 838 p.) and Hearings (26 vols.; Washington, 1964). The Report carries its own index (p. 880-888), confined to personal and other proper names; each of the first 15 volumes of Hearings is supplied with a contents list of persons whose testimony is printed in the volume; in vol. 15 (p. 753-801) there is a name index to the testimony in all 15 volumes; and vols. 16-26 of Hearings each list in numerical order, and in their several series, the exhibited documents or objects they reproduce or portray. Personal name or subject relationships between the Report proper and the testimony and exhibits, however, cannot be discovered through any combination of indexes or lists; this deficiency Mrs. Meagher has corrected in her most useful work.

The Meagher Subject Index classifies "all elements in the assassination and subsequent crimes as well as the background and history of the principals" insofar as the Report and Hearings reveal those elements, and most conveniently it incorporates and even extends the citations to exhibited documents given in appendix 18 of the Report. This reviewer marvels at the case with which he has been able to turn to a passage of the testimony or to find a par-

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ticular exhibited document through Mrs. Meagher's aid, and he is especially grateful for her revelation of facets of unexpected information. As though this assistance were not enough, she presents separately a name index, intended to supplement the index on p. 753-801 of vol. 15 (the last volume of testimony) by adding exhibit numbers, the names of persons present when witnesses were examined, and references to persons whose names were omitted in the vol. 15 index. Inclusion of the exhibit numbers relieves the researcher of the task of finding an exhibit reference in the text of Hearings if he wishes to see a particular document; and the listing of Commission members and counsel and of observers present when testimony was taken provides the possibility of ferreting out such minute detail as the interventions by Commission Chairman Earl Warren. Finally, in a "Key to Name Index by Descriptive Category," Mrs. Meagher groups the approximately 550 names that figure in this most extraordinary investigation. One may turn to this key to discover, for instance, whether an obscure name is categorized among "Witnesses of the Assassination," "Associates or Acquaintances, General Walker," "Witnesses of the Tippit Murder," "Press and Other News Media," or elsewhere.

It is of interest to note that recently published allegations about the manner of the investigation—in Sylvan Fox, The Unanswered Questions About President Kennedy's Assassination; Harold Weisberg, Whitewash: The Report on the Warren Report; Edward Jay Epstein, Inquest: The Warren Commission and the Establishment of Truth; and Mark Lane, Rush to Judgment—may now be checked with less trouble. Léo Sauvage, in the "American Postscript" included in the English translation of his L'Affaire Oswald, p. 418, deems Mrs. Meagher to be "the only person in the world who really knows every item hidden in the 26 volumes of Hearings and Exhibits."

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Dear Sirs,

As my friend and colleague Professor Richard H. Popkin says in his article, "Garrison's Case," in the September 11th issue, we must indeed wait for the trial of Clay Shaw to find out if the district attorney really has credible or conclusive evidence to sustain his charges—against Lee Harvey Oswald, as well as Clay Shaw and David Ferrie. Professor Popkin seems to acknowledge, at least implicitly, that Mr. Garrison's February pronouncements—that he had "solved the case weeks ago" and that he had "evidence beyond the shadow of a doubt"—were (and still are) premature. If newspapers "seem fixated on Garrison's early public claims," perhaps it is because the claims were never retracted, while such evidence as the district attorney has thus far made public is dubious, if not foolish.

A critic of the Warren Report, it seems to me, is obliged to apply to Garrison's evidence the same strict and objective tests which he applied to the Commission's evidence. By that yardstick, I find little merit in the testimony of Mssrs. Russo and Bundy, although for reasons other than those against which Professor Popkin argues. Russo's story, quite apart from the questions raised about resort to hypnosis and sodium pentothal to elicit his story, seems to me inherently bereft of credibility. I can scarcely believe that three conspirators discussed the logistics of a plan to assassinate President Kennedy in the presence of a fourth person, whom they left at liberty to inform on them whenever the spirit moved him-before or after the assassination was accomplished. (Other objections to Russo's testimony may or may not be warranted; for example, Professor Popkin concedes that the notes of the first interview with Russo written by Garrison's aide Andrew Sciambra do not include this episods, but he does not explain why it was omitted if, as Sciambra insists, it was discussed. I have heard a number of different explanations from Garrison's supporters among the critics, none of which provided plausible reasons for the omission of what was undeniably the central part of Russo's story.)

As for Bundy's allegations, I am skeptical not because of his drug addiction in the past but because I reject an identification by any witness, however upright, of a person or persons viewed on one occasion, from a distance, almost four years earlier.

Mr. Garrison has not yet revealed the basis for his allegation that Clay Shaw met with and passed money to Oswald and Jack Ruby at Baton Rouge on September 3, 1963. Perhaps his evidence for the Baton Rouge rendezvous will be more substantial than his evidence for the meeting in Ferrie's apartment. But I must remind Professor Popkin that long before the Baton Rouge meeting was mentioned, Mr. Garrison claimed that he had established a link between Shaw, Oswald, and Ruby by decoding identical cryptograms ("P.O. Box 19106") in Oswald's and Shaw's address books which, when decoded, proved to be Ruby's unpublished 1963 telephone number. Professor Popkin's article does not mention this claim by Garrison. Perhaps he shares my view that

Mr. Garrison's cryptographic "evidence" is an embarrassment, predicated on a misreading of the Oswald entry and a false assumption about the Shaw entry. If Professor Popkin does accept the "code," it is far more solid than some of the other evidence he has mentioned as indicating that Garrison is on the right track. But even if he does not accept the "code," Professor Popkin should still have mentioned it in his inventory of Garrison's evidence, since it is highly relevant to an evaluation of the district attorney's forensic skill and scruples.

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Professor Popkin asks if "Garrison's theory" that the assassination was planned and carried out by a group of anti-Castro Cuban exiles, based in New Orleans and involved with the CIA, is plausible. I must point out that this hypothesis was elaborated by critics of the Warren Report long before Mr. Garrison experienced a revival of interest in the assassination. (For example, I set forth this very hypothesis in a chapter of my forthcoming book which was written in January 1966, and found the same theory in Harold Weisberg's Whitewash, which I read in February 1966; and, of course, it is in Professor Popkin's own work, and that of other critics.) That a number of critics independently arrived at similar or identical conclusions—that the assassination was the work of a conspiracy which originated in New Orleans—is understandable; the testimony and exhibits of the Warren Commission almost compel such an assumption.

The question is, can Carrison prove the theory correct and sustain his charges that the persons he has accused were indeed parties to the assassination? I am not so impressed as Professor Popkin with Carrison's procedural successes to date, nor do I regard the conviction of Man Andrews as a triumph, since it leaves unresolved the exact nature of the perjury. Was it that Andrews, knowing that Shaw was Bertrand, failed to make a positive identification? Or was it that, knowing that Shaw was not Bertrand, Andrews failed to make an explicit denial? And what of Andrews' allegation that the district attorney asked him over dinner not to make an explicit denial that Shaw was Bertrand? I do not find this necessarily inconceivable; nor do I forget that Dean Andrews insisted, loud and clear, in July 1964, that Oswald did not commit the assassination—almost three years before Mr. Garrison's public statement that there was no evidence that Oswald had shot anyone on November 22, 1963.

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Dear Sirs.

Jim Carrison ways in his Playboy interview. [in the October issue] that we will never see certain CIA documents, including a secret memo "destroyed while being photocopied." For those who may infer that the secret memo no longer exists, it should be pointed out that the copy destroyed was not the only one extant. A second copy was transmitted to the Warren Commission by the State Department on May 8, 1964, as is clear from Exhibit No. 948, Volume XVIII, pages 180 and 188. It is true that this secret memo may never be made public, but not (as Mr. Garrison implied) because it no longer exists.

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