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Dear Mr Epstein,

(1) I agree that there is considerable testimony suggesting that there were four or more shots, and that two or more of those shots were nearly simultaneous. However, I would find it extremely difficult to reconcile four shots with a "lone assassin" who left only three shells behind and who fired with such impressive accuracy in little more than five to eight seconds despite a poor marksmanship achievement in every previous known test of skill. It is again a case of weighing what is theoretically possible against what common sense repudiates on the basis of what is known—not only about Oswald's rifle capability but about the tests carried out by men of superior skill.

(2) Stamm phoned about the layout of Parkland Hospital, following your inquiry. The only diagram I can recall is that of the emergency area, Price Exhibit 6 I believe; but it is possible that the testimony of hospital staff in Volume VI contains information bearing on this. I seem to recall discussion with the nurses and the orderly (Jimison) about the distance between various points of Connally's stretcher.

(3) I heard a news report this morning about a fire at a dormitory at Ithaca. I trust that you were elsewhere? I have made it a point to keep a copy of my manuscript elsewhere, just in case of fire at home. You may agree that such prudence is advisable.

Best regards,

Sylvia Meagher