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Dear Sylvia,

I can imagine how a fight like that would stir up things at WHO, and it must be just delicious to watch the two sides marshalling their troops. Tell me how the next stage in the battle shapes up. Some time when I have more time I want to send you some information I picked up in a book on marijuana. According to an article in this book WHO officials said some really ridiculous things about the harmful effects of cannabis before some international body. They recommended that it be treated in the same way as heroin, et al.

I've been in correspondence with Greg Olds, who succeeded Ronnie Dugger as editor of the Texas Observer. Dugger is still associated with it. Olds acquired one of the bootleg copies of the Zapruder film and immediately got religion. It convinced him completely that Connally was hit by a separate shot and that JFK was headshot from the front. He wrote articles on this and then offered to provide readers of the paper with the Zapruder film at cost. The Wash. Star picked this up and queried Life, who were finally backed into a corner and had to threaten suit against him. I heard about this and wrote to him saying that handing out copies was silly -- the underground was already taking care of this -- but why not try to get NET to show the film. Wonder of wonders, this is exactly what he did, and he may very well be getting someplace. He's been in phone and letter contact with both Pollard at Life, and the head of NET. I wrote him yesterday telling him of the work of Forman, Wecht's testimony, and what I knew of what Nichols was up to. My hope was that if NET could see that there was new, respectable work being done they might be more interested in building a program around the Zapruder film. I also offered use of my good quality color and B/W stills of the film.

What would you think of telling Olds about the Curry bullet? On the one hand, such an obvious discrepancy might be useful to him in his efforts to persuade NET. And then too, he might himself be the perfect person to pursue the thing further with Curry. He's down there and the Observer has contacts all over Texas. In addition, the Observer was in the forefront of the assassination investigation at the beginning. Dugger was in Dallas interviewing witnesses the day after and, I think, the Observer was the first journal to publish an article throwing suspicions on the official theory -- this was November or December 1963. I think Olds would be a very good man to back. He's intelligent and tenacious, and most importantly, has been all fired up by the Zapruder film. The Observer is a cracker-jack little paper, has great political influence in Texas, and is read by a liberal, and fairly elite crowd of journalists/editors/govt-people in New York and Washington.

At the end of his latest article Olds asks whether any of the critics had traced the identity of the person who had an epileptic fit in Dealey Plaza. It was my impression that this person had been identified, and that he was subject to seizures and was

even at the time taking medication. Would you have anything in the Meagher Master File on this? I'd like to send the information on to him to show that all the simple things like that have already been done. Come to think of it, I'll put this airletter in another envelope together with the article. Then if you wanted to you could write him. You might find other things in his article to be corrected or amended; he's only just now gotten into this. It doesn't matter who sends him the info on the Curry bullet; if you decide to write him you could do that too. I just wanted to check with you first because I thought you might have very good reasons why the information should still be kept fairly private.

Best love,

Tim

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