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Miss Sylvia Meagher
302 West 12th St.
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Dear Miss Meagher:

I appreciate your thoughtful letter of August 10th about Mark Lane's book on the assassination, and I'm sorry I haven't acknowledged it until now.

You raise some interesting points about the head wounds, but I find it hard to believe that if there had been some official conspiracy to suppress evidence, the various discrepancies such as the autopsy ~~map~~ sketch you cited would not have been doctored or withheld. Far likelier, it seems to me, that these are simply the small errors of detail that accompany hasty sketches and observations by people relatively inexperienced in medical matters (as were the Secret Service and FBI onlookers at the autopsy).

Thank you for taking the trouble to write.

Sincerely yours,



Kenneth Auchincloss