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Mrs. Sylvia Meagher
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Dear Sylvia:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your October 10th letter to Mr. Edward R. Williams.

I am pleased to learn that you are finally back at work, and I certainly hope that your health remains good, and that you will have no further relapses. I did not know of your more recent illness, and I can appreciate what you must have gone through.

Of course, I am quite surprised and disappointed to learn of your thoughts regarding my recent comments. The National Enquirer article was a series of misquotes, distortions, and gross exaggeration of some statements that I did make to the reporter who called me. My great mistake was talking to a reporter from that newspaper in the first place, and I would be the first one to admit to having committed a serious error in that respect.

However, I do not agree with you concerning the statements that I made to Fred Graham, or to other members of the various "responsible" news media who contacted me immediately after the story broke in late August. I realize that you have different views concerning Oswald and his entire role in this affair, and indeed, you may be correct. However, I do not believe that you would state that it is possible to unequivocally repudiate the various evidentiary items that point to the fact that Oswald shot and killed Tippit.

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Sylvia, at no time did I ever think for one second that you had been "reached by the CIA"! When I finally realized how ill you were, then I certainly understood the reason for your inability to work with me and others in the preparation for my review of the materials at the National Archives.

I would be less than candid, however, if I did not say that I did feel that you were influenced by Weisberg and Roffman. Apparently, I was correct, based upon the various statements contained in your letter of October 10th.

Sylvia, as you know, I never have had the time or inclination to become involved in lengthy correspondence on this matter, although I have always enjoyed talking with you and some of the other critics with whom I have become friendly in recent years. I shall look forward to continuing to communicate with you, by letter and phone, in the future on appropriate occasions, and I hope that you feel likewise.


I do not know whose theories are correct in this matter. The only thing that I do feel I know as a forensic pathologist, based upon the various informational and evidentiary items that I have reviewed and examined, is that Kennedy was shot by more than one person. Whether Oswald was one of the assassins, I do not know from a scientific standpoint, although it is my personal opinion that he most probably was not involved in the actual shooting of JFK.

One other thing I feel I do know, and that is that this case will not be broken by Messrs. Weisberg and Roffman. They can talk and write and investigate until Hell freezes, and I doubt that they will ever have any audience beyond a few news media people in the D. C. area whom Weisberg has apparently been able to cultivate in some way or another through the last several years. I only regret that you have, more or less, arrived at the same conclusions that they share vis-a-vis my involvement in this matter, although I do appreciate and thank you for stating very firmly and clearly in your letter to Mr. Williams that I am sincere and serious about this business, and that I do not have any sinister or other sub rosa purposes in having remained active in this matter through the past eight years.

Please take care of yourself.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes.

Sincerely,


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