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Mrs. Sylvia Meagher
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Dear Sylvia:

Thank you for your letter of November 7th. I appreciate your taking the time to refresh my memory on various evidentiary items that you had documented so well in your book.

I do lean strongly toward the belief that Oswald was framed in the JFK killing, although I do not believe that he was totally innocent and completely divorced from all knowledge and activities related to the planning and execution of the assassination.

Of course, you are absolutely correct that it was the Commission's responsibility to prove that Oswald killed Tippit beyond a reasonable doubt, and not anybody else's responsibility to prove his innocence. Unfortunately, while this would have been true if the case had come to trial, they did not have that legal burden sitting in the capacity and for the purposes which the Commission had been created.

Sylvia, I want to emphasize - as I always do in speaking about this subject - that from my standpoint, these conclusions are non-scientific speculations. I feel that I am entitled to my opinions, although I have never argued that they are necessarily correct or irrefutable.

On the other hand, when it comes to the hard scientific evidence, particularly those items involving forensic pathology, I feel that I am on much

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firmer ground. On these matters, I completely reject the condescending, supercilious, and arrogant criticisms of Weisberg and Roffman, who between the two of them, may have one or two high school chemistry and biology courses to their credit.

I can appreciate your feelings of anger, frustration, and despondency over this entire business, for I feel exactly the same. Furthermore, I share your pessimism that it is highly unlikely that the official story will ever be changed, no matter what new evidence we uncover and attempt to introduce to the American people and specific Federal authorities.

I hope that you are feeling better physically, and that your health remains good for many, many years to come.

With kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,



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