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Dear Cyril,

Thank you for your letter of the 9th and the reprint of your recent article in Modern Medicine dated 27 November 1972. I have read your findings with very keen interest and, I must admit, some bafflement.

I am troubled by the two diagrams of the path of the bullet (pages 30 and 31 respectively) but perhaps I am misinterpreting the captions. My impression is that your path of flight of the bullet on page 31 makes the shot more consistent with a bullet fired from the sixth floor window than the Commission's diagram. The diagram places the wound of entry very high on the back, in the back of the neck, although there is an array of evidence placing the entrance wound well below the back of the neck. You yourself told me within a day or two of your examination of the autopsy photos and X-rays that the wound of entry was neither as high as the Commission claimed or as low as the critics claimed. Moreover, you have a photocopy of the death certificate signed on 23 November 1963 by Admiral Burkely, which places the wound at the third thoracic vertebrae.

I do not know how to reconcile the point of bullet entry as shown in the page 31 diagram with the massive evidence of a much lower entrance point.

No doubt your article in Modern Medicine is a preliminary account of your findings and will be followed by a comprehensive study for the Journal of Forensic Sciences. That is my impression and my hope. If so, I hope that you will discuss the position of the entrance wound in relation to the holes in the clothes; the metal fragments in the neck; the Burkely death certificate; the location of the entrance wound in the back of the head some four inches higher than the Commission described it; and the many other items of evidence under the autopsy and medical findings which suggest not incompetence alone but conspiracy to falsify the facts and thus to lend support to a clearly fraudulent reconstruction of the assassination by the Commission.

All good wishes for the New Year,

Sincerely yours,

Sylvia Meagher