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Mrs. Sylvia Meagher
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Dear Sylvia:

Thank you for your letter of December 12th. I appreciate your prompt reply and gracious comments regarding the paper prepared by Bob Smith and me.

I agree with you that the Death Certificate prepared by Admiral Burkley deserves to be mentioned. If I can ever bring myself to write a longer article or a small book on this subject, I shall include a discussion of that document.

I, also, am still troubled by the correlation (or lack thereof) between the back and neck wounds and the holes in the suit jacket and shirt. I think that I shall seek permission to go back to the Archives to study those pictures and the clothing again. If you have any specific questions, or proposed measuring techniques, that I might consider in advance of such a review, please let me know.

With regard to the "no-support" statement contained in our article, referable to the front or right front assassin-location theories, perhaps we should have been slightly less rigid in arriving at such a conclusion. Of course, the formidable problem with the front or right front shot theories is what happened to the bullet after it struck JFK's head? It would seem that at least some fragments would have had to have traveled into the left cerebral hemisphere, or into the back of the brain (depending upon the exact location of the assassin), and we simply have no evidence to indicate such a dispersal pattern.

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God, I wish it were possible to examine the brain. Quite possibly, that could answer this question. In the same regard, examination of the microscopic autopsy slides might enable us to determine whether the right back wound was entrance or exit.

Take care of yourself, and please keep in touch from time to time.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season.

Sincerely,



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