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Miss Sylvia Meagher
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Dear Miss Meagher:

I am enclosing a reprint of my article that was recently published in the Journal of Forensic Sciences. I should like to suggest to you that you visit one of the medical libraries in the city and borrow an entire journal inasmuch as the other members of the panel have their talks published in this edition, also.

I certainly agree with you that the autopsy photographs and x-rays should be developed and their results made public. There is no justification for the apparent secrecy that has surrounded these pieces of evidence.

With regard to my comment concerning the "area of fracture in the base of the skull above the left orbit", I should like to point out that the base of the skull is very often fractured extensively following a gunshot wound of the head. The fractures can occur away from the point of actual bullet impact. This is a very common finding. The pathologists who did the autopsy on Kennedy merely refer to other fracture lines and did not attempt to describe each and everyone individually. They probably should have done so or at least the photographs made of this area should have been made available to the Warren Commission.

Doctor Helpern and others commented on the Warren Commission at the International Forensic Medicine Meetings in Copenhagen, although the subject was not a matter of formal presentation or official discussion. I am enclosing a copy of a brief news item on Doctor Helpern's remarks taken from Medical Tribune.

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I may be in New York toward the end of October for a few days,
and perhaps we can get together at that time.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

Enjoyed talking to you yesterday. Good Luck!