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Sylvia Meagher
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Dear Sylvia:

Just a note to thank you for the various materials that you had sent me recently, including correspondence concerning the article in Manhattan East.

After reading Walter Lister's letter of 14 August 1967, I was so angry that I called him in New York and let him know in no uncertain terms that I considered his remarks defamatory. He was quite apologetic and sought refuge in the fact that his remarks disputing my expertise were directed specifically to my experience with "military wound ballistics." He is either quite stupid or diabolically clever, for anyone interested in this problem should realize that a wound caused by a rifle will have the same characteristics whether it is produced in civilian life or under military fire. Of course, it is interesting to note that he also questions Milton Helpert's expertise on the same spurious basis!

Please let me know if there are any new developments. In the meantime, I shall look forward to the publication of your book this Fall.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

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P.S. I enjoyed your letter to the New York Review of Books.