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Miss Sylvia Meagher
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Dear Miss Meagher:

I did not reply to your gracious note, thanking me for my review of your fine book, Accessories After the Fact, but I have often thought of the generous impulse behind your words. Now, if I may, I would like to seek your personal counsel and guidance.

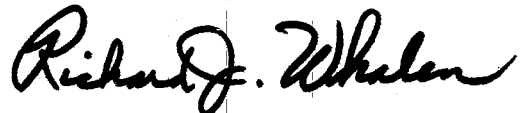
I have begun work on a book which traces the steep decline of America since John F. Kennedy's murder. In dealing with that endlessly chronicled event, I feel obliged to go beyond our present knowledge, doubts, and suspicions. In your book, you offered a mypohetical explanation of the assassination if it were the work of conspirators.

My question: how might a determined investigator test this or another hypothesis? Where should I go? Who should I see? At this late date, is there any real hope of doing something more constructive than mining the picked-over treasures of the National Archives?

My wife and I would like to talk with you, at your convenience, in New York.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



Richard J. Whalen