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Dear Mrs. Meagher:

Thank you for your kind letter.

I agree entirely with your observations regarding the critics.

The thesis of Mr. Garrison and others that they "fought to establish the truth but were blocked by a high level conspiracy of silence" meshes a certain political wish fulfillment with a trite elitism ("We Happy Few") to explain but not justify their aberration.

The debate between An American Grotesque and A Heritage of Stone will be simply irrelevant.

On the subject of Jack Ruby, I accept with certain reservations the portrait of him as drawn by the Warren Commission and better rendered by Wills and Demaris.

Ruby appears to have been what he seemed.

Of course to the conspiracy buffs, nothing is what it appears, an axiom of the paranoid mentality.

As to Dallas, certainly many witnesses such as Ruth Paine and De Mohrenschildt among others deserved a closer examination than they received.

Unfortunately, only a legal authority possesses the investigative powers to pursue the assassination cases further although Mr. Huie interviewed many individuals that the F.B.I. had overlooked.

The remark of Mr. Murphy seems symptomatic of the Zeitgeist.

Sincerely,

  
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