

Mrs Sylvia Meagher  
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12/27/70

Dear Mrs Meagher:

The enclosed letter by William L. Langer from The New York Times of 12/20/70, although in no way directly related to The Kennedy Assassination, touches upon many of the substantive issues raised by that event and the subsequent Warren Report. The final paragraph seems apropos.

The fact that a private citizen, Doctor Nichols, is presently engaged in a suit to examine the primary evidence of an historic crime seven years later illustrates the trend toward the classification of history.

Truth Is The First Casualty, a fascinating

study of The Tonkin Bay episode by Joseph Gaudon, reveals how this process was directly responsible for the escalation of The Vietnam War.

Neither American  
Guatereque nor A Heritage  
of Stone contributed to a more significant understanding.

"Mr Kirkwood may be "right" about Clay Shaw but his portrait borders on idolatry and evades an honest portrayal of a complex and ambiguous figure.

Mr Garrison uses the critics to cry, Cui bono?

No doubt only Mr Bethell could write the definitive and amusing account of the affair.

Best Wishes,

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