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Dear Sylvia,

I really enjoyed our talk.

The Belin Book is a tissue of misrepresentation, omission, non sequiturs and the most crude falsification. The Gurnon's testimony is quite exemplary.

Yet if we enter into a chilling suspension of disbelief, the question arises as to why The Times would - from a professional publisher's point of view - sponsor and promote such a completely amateuristic book which could have been and perhaps was written years ago.

No reference is made to Finch's New Orleans testimony, recently declassified data, Wecht's analysis, the doubts of Currey, Russell, Johnson, Wasko - - - . The author's - Barker - never dishonestly -

The W.R. to reach the same conclusion.

Yet even Belin raises points that should leave its defamers less than sanguine.

The W.C. was damped

By inaccurate FBI and Secret Service Reports. p. 3

The Warren Commissioners were politically oriented and absentees from testimony. p. 11.

Warren himself placed political expectations over investigative accuracy. p. 15.

Wade was usually in error. p. 39.

Because of political ends, The W.C. derived a major conclusion that Oswald was an "outright misstatement of fact." Of Specter's single bullet theory is wrong, the single assassin theory is imperative. p. 347.

Belin's defense is less effective than The W.R. itself.

Peter Noyes does not really reach dissimilar conclusions in that he finds "no merit in The W.R." and that Oswald killed J.F.K.!

I would say that from the J.C.S. spying on Henry to CIA assassination plots against us now normalcy.

