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Dear Mr Weisberg,

I thank you for your letter and I am sorry that you feel that my review of Sylvia Meagher's book does you an injustice. On re-reading the first paragraph of my review I see that my phrasing did not quite reflect my intention. Mr Lane's originality lay in challenging the Warren Commission's proceedings even before their report emerged. I think that his activities in this area, ante-dating both the publication of the Report and his own book, does give him a pioneer status in this area and that it may be somewhat pedantic to invoke the relatively late publication of the book itself as detracting from this status. Accordingly I would not withdraw the substance, as distinct from some part of the phrasing, of my references to Mr Lane. For the rest, you will understand that my article was intended as a review of Sylvia Meagher's book and not as a survey of the literature.

I shall however bear in mind the points you make should I have occasion to return to this subject.

Yours sincerely,

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