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Mr. Charles Kuhn
Librarian
Hood College
Frederick, Maryland 21701

Re: Estates of Sylvia Meagher/Gregory F. Stone;
Meagher assassination collection

Dear Mr. Kuhn:

As you are aware, Gregory F. Stone was the legatee of the late Sylvia Meagher's archives and literary estate comprising her body of work relating to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and the Warren Report. By the specific terms of that bequest, Stone was directed, among other things, to "both preserve and protect the body of my work in this field, and use it to advance the state of existing knowledge and understanding of the case." I understand that Mr. Stone placed the Meagher library and other materials in temporary storage at your facility in February 1989. Gregory Stone died in Los Angeles on January 29, 1991.

It has come to my attention that Mr. Stone did not use the archives of Sylvia Meagher during his lifetime, and that he otherwise failed to perform in accordance with her intent. Please be advised that I am preparing to file court papers in New York for a determination that the bequest by Sylvia Meagher of her archives and literary estate failed for his lack of performance of the terms of said bequest; that the bequest is null and void and of no effect; and that the property should be placed in a residuary trust.

In the event that Hood College decides to contend this claim, I shall also claim and prove that Mr. Harold Weisberg of Frederick, Maryland and others associated with him exerted undue and improper influence on behalf of Hood College upon Stone concerning the latter's bequest of the same subject property to Hood, and the matter of Stone's mental competence shall also be raised and fully litigated.

I admonish you and your colleagues in the faculty and administration of Hood College not to disturb or interfere or permit access to the Meagher properties in any manner, way, shape or form, and you are hereby duly notified that any such interference may be cause for appropriate legal action.

Mr. Charles Kuhn
February 25, 1991
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Please advise your institution's attorney's of this letter. I shall be pleased to discuss the matter with them if they so desire for the purpose of achieving an amicable resolution, but if I do not here from them within ten days of your receipt of this letter, I shall proceed as indicated.

Very truly yours,



Roger Bruce Feinman

RBF:msw

OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

February 23, 1989

MEMORANDUM

TO: Charles Kuhn
FROM: Barbara Hetrick *BH*
SUBJECT: The Sylvia Meagher Collection

This is to confirm our recent telephone conversation regarding the Sylvia Meagher collection. As you know, I asked the College attorney, Lee Miller, to review the document prepared by Mr. Stone. I have attached his response.

I am pleased to tell you that you may proceed with the arrangements to secure the documents from the estate of the late Sylvia Meagher. Please let me know if you have any difficulties or questions.

BH/gs

cc: Martha Church
Pat King
Will Ruffner
Jerry McKnight

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February 6, 1989

Ms. Barbara Hetrick
Vice President and Dean of
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Hood College
Frederick, MD 21701

Re: Sylvia Meagher Collection

Dear Barbara:

I have no changes to suggest in the document prepared by Mr. Stone. I do not see any "legal complications" as such so long as Hood College abides by the standards set forth in the proposed agreement.

Sincerely,


Lee M. Miller

LMM/plr
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DEAN OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Memorandum of Understanding Between Gregory Stone and Hood
College Concerning Interim Storage of the Sylvia Meagher
Collection

1. This agreement concerns a body of papers and documents, files, books, etc., comprising approximately five full file cabinets in volume, a portion of the personal papers of the late Sylvia Meagher. These items consist primarily of materials pertaining to the John F. Kennedy assassination, the Warren Commission, and ancillary subjects such as the CIA, the FBI, other assassinations, forensic science matters, police, intelligence and related governmental affairs, researchers and public figures involved in these issues, etc. Gregory Stone has ownership of and responsibility for these materials pursuant to the will of the late Sylvia Meagher.


2. Hood College undertakes to receive these materials, preserve and store them on university premises, and take all standard, effective and appropriate measures for their full archival security and protection. The materials will be stored in locked file cabinets to be furnished by Gregory Stone, along with the collection.

7. The term of this agreement is indefinite. It may be cancelled by either Hood College or Gregory Stone by mutual agreement or upon sixty days prior written notice by one party to the other.



Gregory Stone

March 2, 1989



Hood College

JOSEPH HENRY APPLE LIBRARY

TO: Dr. Barbara Hetrick
FROM: Charles L. Kuhn *ck*
DATE: March 1, 1991
SUBJECT: Sylvia Meagher Collection

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Attached are copies of a letter received today from Roger Feinman and other materials from my Sylvia Meagher/Gregg Stone correspondence file.

Jerry McKnight was afraid something like this would occur after Gregg committed suicide January 29, 1991.

cc: Dr. Church
Dr. McKnight
Will Ruffner
Harold Weisberg