

Dear David and Dick,

2/29/91

As my enclosed letter to Gardner does not indicate, my Donahue file compared with what he says in the book makes him a real nonser. For that alone I would not take any time. But I am outraged at what they, collectively, did and if there is any suit I'll try to be helpful and think I can be.

Otherwise my interest is limited to the historical record. For which, if you can get it, their press kit and later releases would be useful. Thanks.

I spoke to Jerry McKnight after David did. He'll fax what you want Monday. He'll probably be here today or tomorrow. I believe that I'd suggested that if Meagher's book is reprinted the coming open house at the Wood library would be a good occasion for making reference to it and tribute to her. Jerry told me what I did not know or think of recommending myself, for which I am ashamed because I should have. The librarian, Charles Kuhn, plans to honor Greg Stone's memory in some way.

This does not seem to me to create any conflict. Honoring them both is justified.

I do think that if the book is reprinted it should be rushed, not delayed because there are so many assassination books now available. One seems to help the other rather than to reduce sales. There are other reasons why I think it should be available to readers as soon as possible.

A Green Berets colonel who has become a friend is writing a more scholarly book. He was here much of yesterday for me to help him. He wanted to get a really crummy book that he'd not seen in the stores he goes to and I had in the local Walden so I took him there. I then took the time to look at the reprint of the Warren Report selling for \$12.98, hard back. That publisher avoided all typesetting and editing costs by photographing for offset the official Report. If Dobb, Merrill would permit this it would also eliminate indexing costs and would speed publication up enormously, while the market is this hot. and now, with all else crap, her book will be well regarded by reviewers and others.

This does not preclude adding a foreword or even errata. Fred Cook is the name I could not think of yesterday, for the foreword.

I think it might later be useful if you met McKnight. Also Dave Wrono, who is to be here for a couple of days beginning 3/13. He is writing "Dubious Epitaph," on the control factor in the JFK assassination investigations. I'm helping him.

If I were a lawyer in publishing I'd be interested in the possible potential to interpretations of libel from the outrageous things St. Martin's has done.

Best,

Harold