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Dear Mr. Longbottom,

First, I must ask a favor of you. Your neat handwriting is much too fine for my poor vision. I have difficulty with it with a magnifying glass. When you write, I'd appreciate it if you could make the characters a little larger.

The two books will go by surface mail within the next day or so. I imagine it will take about three weeks. The problem with conversion here is such I'm content to wait until you can make the necessary arrangements there. With postage I imagine the entire bill will be about \$6.75.

I doubt if you'll be able to get a copy of Sylvia Meagher's index. It is, as you say, quite valuable, even if it is also, necessarily, incomplete.

I cannot help you with the copies of LIFE, for I have only the one set and I am not certain I still have all they printed. They have long since disappeared from the second-hand stores. Probably your best bet will be a library. Do not overlook Paris-Match, which published some of LIFE's pictures, as I recall it. I do not recall what British magazine did.

You ask about Joesten. I give you a candid reply. His work is horrible. It is a blend of thievery, irresponsible conjecture, the grossest inaccuracy and the wildest imaginings, all presented like the given word. It is absolutely beyond belief, it is that wrong, that bad. He has nothing of his own but the imaginings and irresponsibility. He helps himself to whatever he finds for the rest. At best the reader is deceived.

Of the forensic pathologists in this country there is but one who to my knowledge has a decent concept of the fact and is a completely honorable man. That is Cyril Wecht. However, if you should happen to be in touch with one of those on the panel appointed by the previous administration, I'd very much like to know who he is and what he says. The best-known of them is Dr. Russell Fisher, who has an excellent reputation but did very badly in this instance. The problem with all of them is they haven't the raw material. It has been suppressed. Save to express dissatisfaction with the inadequacy of the evidence, what can one of them now do? He doesn't have the most elemental fact, not even on the location of the wounds. I project a three-part series on the autopsy and what relates and have done limited editions of two of these books. I cannot get them printed and cannot afford to print them myself. So, what I say above is not my surmise, it is solid fact. We do not have the basic information on the wounds. I think I have retrieved some of it, enough to disprove the entire fiction for the umpteenth time.

Hope you do well in your exams. Several of the fine young men with whom I work are now taking their orals for their doctorates and are quite busy with them.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

have not arrived (including the 26 volumes). I was informed that Sylvia Meagher's sales to the 26 volumes was out of print but a distributing firm in London have ordered the book for me and I am waiting for the book to arrive in the near future. If I do not obtain the 26 volumes within the next month or so I will inform you, simultaneously with the index, which I feel will be invaluable.

I will be able to handle more some to the books after my exams; and I am anxious to read the 26 volumes.

As from July 1st I will have a new address: —
195, CLEVERINGTON ROAD, DUNDEE.

I am at the moment trying to obtain past issues of "Life" magazine in order to study photos of the Zapruder film frame. I am also trying to obtain past issues of other magazines containing material on the assassination, but I do not think I have much hope of getting them since most of them are American. I read in "The Empire" that Joachim Joesten ~~had~~ had compiled all the material and was selling it by subscription, at \$100. This is true, and

19, Peterson House,
25, ROSENKLE,
DUNDÉE
SCOTLAND
24th May 1944.

Dear Mr. Westberg,

Thank you very much for your letter which I received on 24th May. The books I have are "Whitman", the Dell edition with the Mayflower cover, and "Whitman II", published by Dell. The "Whitman II" was bought in U.S. by a girl friend who visited California.

I would like to purchase copies of your books "PROLOGUE" "Whitman" and "Gems In New Orleans", and any other book you publish. I am not enclosing the money because I will probably have a little difficulty and there will not likely be a slight delay in obtaining the dollars. I will send the money as soon as I can obtain it; I am carrying the letter is so brief, I have important exams in ten days time so I am busy with Danticking at the moment. After the exams I will write a longer letter and forward the money for the two books. I have forward very much to reading the books, especially "PROLOGUE" "Whitman". I am trying to obtain as much material as I can on the assassination, I have ordered several books but so far they

If so, is the material useful - what is your opinion on it?

I have really very little material on the subject - about 15 books and a few magazines.

I recently wrote to a top forensic pathologist in America

asking him numerous questions on the subject - I do not know if I will obtain a reply or not. I have the addresses of five other

top forensic pathologists in the U.S., so I may write to them as well. I would like to have a talk with a forensic pathologist

rather than just write but that is out of the question with ^{the} U.S.

pathologists - I am not likely to visit the U.S. in the foreseeable future.

The head of the forensic department at our University was

formerly assistant Home Office Pathologist, I believe, and

I could probably try and contact him with a view to discussing

the subject if he is willing.

Anyway, as I said, I am in the throes of working for

exams so I will have to keep the letter brief. I look forward to

reading your books; I will write again in the near future. I look

forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully
R. Longbottom