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Dear John

Thanks very much for your letter of the first and the very useful enclosure of the listing of the Commission's witnesses.

I no longer use the testimony very much but this is a valuable tool for students and I'm glad to have it for them.

We just got a catalogue that lists Meagher's index but the price is to be pretty steep. If you'd like to borrow mine and xerox it I'll be glad to lend it to you or if you'd prefer I can take it in town and have it xeroxed commercially for you. I think it then would be two pages to each side of a sheet. Our machine is too costly for jobs like that and I have them done for myself commercially.

This same store also had a copy of Rofiman's Presumed Guilty for I think \$27.50.

I'm surprised that the Archives can't find Marion Johnson's inventory. Did you ask them if they have records of copies they provided to others so you can get a copy from one of them? It might work.

Remember, Meagher's is a selective index.

We had a good Thanksgiving, thank you, and I was able to watch the Redskins game, albeit with less enjoyment than earlier in the season.

I almost never make any kind of presentation now other than the two seminars at Hood. No civic group has asked me in some time and I decline any that would take me out of town. Not quite the same thing is infrequent TV. I do not go to Washington or Baltimore to be interviewed and most do not want to come here. A crew from Hard Copy did two weeks ago. And managed to give me the name "Murray" three times, when aired. I've been told. I didn't see it.

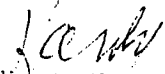
Anything that you do like these lists that can be useful to subject experts or students would be good to have at Hood so I would appreciate any such copies.

I never use the consolidated index cards to all my books so when the new library is open, which means after the move during the semester break, I'm giving them to the school now. And by the way, all of Sylvia Meagher's work is there. I do not know how soon those files will be processed but I believe the intention is to do it as soon as it can be done after the library is moved and all the bugs straightened out.

Again thanks, and I hope you have a good holiday season.

You might be able to xerox the index at the Assassination Archive and Research Center, 981 F, NW #510

Sincerely,


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Mr Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr Weisberg:

Thank you for your letter of the 24th ult. and *Oswald in New Orleans*.

As you can well imagine, I'm knee deep in reading material and am making headway slowly.

I've not been able to find a copy of Sylvia Meagher's *Indexes* yet, but will continue looking. I visited the Archives on the 30th seeking a copy of Marion Johnson's inventory of Records Group 272 but none are available. As you would guess, there are inventories available for a plethora of other arcane subjects but not this one. However, I did copy what I believe to be the pertinent portions of the inventory.

In an attempt to become familiar with the *Warren Report*, I created a database of the witnesses as extracted from Appendix V of the *Report*. I have made some initial sorts on the database and have inclosed copies for your use. Not having access to Meagher's work, this seemed as good a place to start as any and it has already provided me with an insight as to how the Commission went about its business.

As sorting the database is easy, should you desire printouts according to any particular criteria I would be happy to provide them. I have provided sorts as follows:

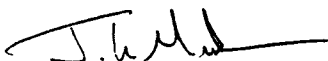
- Alphabetical Listing of Witnesses
- Witnesses Associated with Law Enforcement in Dallas
- Witnesses Associated with the Secret Service
- Witnesses Associated with the FBI
- Witnesses Associated with Parkland Hospital
- Witnesses Associated with the TSBD
- Witnesses Associated Dealey Plaza
- Witnesses Associated with Jack Ruby
- Witnesses Associated with Lee Harvey Oswald
- Witnesses Associated with the Tippit Murder

Obviously errors/omissions are mine.

I failed to mention this previously but should you be conducting any presentations in the near future, I would like to know in order that I might attend.

Hoping your Thanksgiving was enjoyable and that you were able to watch the Redskins this P.M.

Sincerely,


John W. Masland