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Dear Mrs. McMillan:

This week I finished a careful reading of your book Marina and Lee. I had awaited it for several years and had even written to the publisher several months ago inquiring about it.

In preparing a critical annotated bibliography of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy I am rather at a loss to explain to the future readers why your volume excluded from its consideration the critical literature on the assassination and L. H. Oswald. It seems to be a rather curious thing to me. For example, the critical rebuttal of the murder of police officer J. D. Tippit via the Bowley affidavit which places the murder at around 1:10 or before, negating Oswald's role. Or, the testimony of Marina's neighbors on her character and her outlook. In New Orleans I thought you would be able to find her neighbors in some number, what with her having small children and shopping and so forth, yet you do not mention any of them. Of course you mention the landlord, but I mean the female neighbors who in my experience with the world would appear to be informed to some extent about the comings and goings and marital life of a couple.

In addition how do you feel satisfied with a book that omits the controversial items in the story--such as the Camp Street address on the literature Oswald passed out or the inability of the FBI to link the Walker bullet to the Oswald rifle ammunition. It seems to me there must be some explanation to this amazing aspect of Marina and Lee.

At present I am collecting the book reviews of Marina and Lee attempting to see if reviewers are selected from the informed and balanced critics (not the Mark Lanes and A.I.B-ers), but thus far the ones I have seen have been done by the uninformed and superficial popularizers, such as Cavett.

I would hope you would be able to find the time to help me explain the points I have mentioned above.

Sincerely

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