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Dear Harold,

Thanks for your last letter, acknowledging my comments on PM-III. I do appreciate your circumstances and the constraints under which you have been working.

At the same time, I continue to feel strongly that the fraudulence of the 1968 panel's report should be exposed publicly before much more time elapses. I have tried my hand at writing a fairly brief article, realizing of course that it may be impossible to place it in any magazine or other publication but convinced that the effort should be made.

Harold, in no way would I seek to appropriate any of the findings you have made and have been generous enough to share with others. Let me say clearly that if you had strong objections to my trying to place such an article, I would be very much guided by your views.

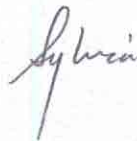
If you are willing to consider the idea of an article, it would have the enclosed explanatory note giving you exclusive credit for the findings, which indeed there can be no debate about. I doubt very much if I would have found half of the discrepancies on my own that you discovered through arduous labor against time. I would of course make any changes in the explanation that you suggested.

Also, on the premise that you do not object to the idea of an article, I would ask you to go over the ms. for factual accuracy and any suggestions, if you were willing. This would be the first step, before it is looked at by anyone else.

In the unlikely event that the article was accepted, I would hope that it would help publication of your book and in no way hinder or undercut it. If there is any payment for the article, I will turn it over to you in entirety, on that you have my word of honor.

However, if you prefer that no article be attempted, you need only say so and you need give no reasons--that will be the end of it. I am writing this in some haste but I hope that I have covered all the essential points and that there is no room for any misunderstanding, for I assure you that I have no ulterior or selfish motives for this whole suggestion--I only want the truth to be placed before the public so that there can be no impression anywhere that the report of the 1968 panel has in any way satisfied fact, logic, or justice.

Sincerely,



The JFK Autopsy: Verified, Re-Verified, and  
Verified Again

Sylvia Meagher  
April 1969

Explanatory Foreword

The report of the 1968 medical panel on its examination of the JFK autopsy photographs and X-rays has been the subject of a searching critical analysis by Harold Weisberg, author of Whitewash and other books on the assassination. Mr. Weisberg shared with me the results of his study, in conversation only days after the panel's report was made public on January 16, 1969. At the end of March he was good enough to invite me to read his full-length manuscript, Post-Mortem III, a compendium and critical analysis of all information and documents available as of the present time on the autopsy, including the photographs and X-rays.

That Mr. Weisberg produced a work of great scope and microscopic detail with such astonishing speed testifies to his commitment and his conviction that the full truth about the Dallas assassination must be pursued and that all misrepresentation must be tirelessly exposed. His manuscript, in its mastery of the staggering complex of the forensic evidence and pseudo-evidence which continues to burgeon and proliferate in the case of the JFK assassination, is a tour de force of the highest magnitude.

In preparing this article, I have merely retraced the work which had already been done by Harold Weisberg. The exclusive credit for the methodology and the findings belongs to him. His book-length manuscript should be published and become available to the public. But publication is not yet prospective. Some of the findings are therefore indicated in this preliminary, interim survey of the examinations of the JFK autopsy photographs and X-rays.