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Harold —

As you requested, I am sending you herewith copies of letters & receipts from Striso. These are solely for your private information and I would request you not to make any public use of this material without my prior agreement. I hope that you accept and concur in this and I rely on you to respect my wishes as to the confidentiality of the enclosed letters.

Incidentally, my firm recollection is that I did not send copies of your letters to Lipton, and this is corroborated in my files of correspondence with him. I mentioned having received the letters but said explicitly that I could not send him a copy as I did not have access to the Xerox at the time.

Hastily,

Spencer Livingston

540 Tuckahoe Road
Yonkers, N. Y.
December 3, 1966

Mrs. Sylvia Meagher
Scarecrow Press Inc.
Box 656
Metuchen, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Meagher:

Enclosed you will find my check for \$ 4.00 which I hope will cover the cost of obtaining your Warren Commission Index.

Strange as it may seem I cannot recall where I first heard of your Index. It may have been suggested by Rep. Theodore Kupferman or possibly Harold Weisberg. Although I read the Warren Report several times and discussed it with Dorothy Killgallen several times prior to its release I considered an index unnecessary as I felt that my personal contact with the case was adequate along the lines of research direction. I also erroneously assumed that your Index was the result of work by a highly competent librarian type completely detached from the realities involved in this case. In examining a recent edition of ESQUIRE I noted your contribution to the article "Who Killed Jack Kennedy?" for which you deserve high complement. It most certainly sharpened my appetite for your Index and also elicited the conclusion that we are getting close to a "break" in this case.

I am personally interested in H. Con. Res. 1023 and have been asked to contact other Representatives and Senators in regard to obtaining their support. As a former film documentary producer I filmed in the House and Senate studios and made many excellent connections. I intend to contact my friends in Washington but I feel that the "break" will come sooner than is expected. I also am associated with a television package which I hope will hasten a solution. In view of your magnificent contribution in the search for the truth I would consider it a privilege to talk to you for a few minutes at your convenience. Incidentally I was employed by U.N.R.R.A. in Southeast Asia and China from 1945 through 1950.

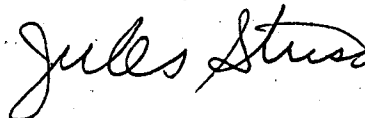
My position is rather unique in that a few hours after the assassination I was certain of a conspiracy. Two weeks after the publication of the Warren Commission Report I had material in my files which has recently been duplicated by Lane. Epstein, Popkin etc. In fact a publisher had an advance on his desk over 18 months ago but I decided to tackle the problem routing myself from the conspiracy to Dallas rather than move from Dallas to the conspiracy.

Quite obviously this is one of the most complicated cases ever to appear on the American scene. A confidential informant with the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, who is involved with another story nearly as big as the assassination and linked in an interesting manner, told me that the story was too big to solve alone. There is no question that knowing of "central plot" of the conspiracy and documenting usable evidence to roll the dominoes back to the source is nearly as difficult as establishing the complete identity of those in the "crossfire".

One of the approaches might be assisted by your Index in obtaining a "break" in one of the few weak links in a conspiracy planned by one of the great brains of our time. One of my filming associates once contacted Men Ray on a run into Cuba with the C.I.A. and Ray mentioned matters pertaining to his questioning by the Warren Commission. I was never able to find this specific reference and it may be that your Index will contain such information. Without going into detail I can say that Jack Ruby is a weak link so let us see if your Index holds some keys.

As I am doing some work at a studio near the U. N. it might be possible that sometime in the next few weeks you might be able to spare a few minutes. It could prove mutually profitable.

Sincerely,



Jules Striso

540 Tuckahoe Road
Yonkers, N. Y.
December 10, 1966

Mrs. Sylvia Meagher
302 West 12th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Meagher:

I am looking forward to our meeting after the General Assembly with great anticipation. I will call you to arrange a time and place.

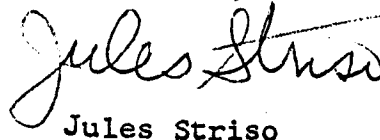
Am also looking forward to getting your Subject Index from Scarecrow Press. Incidentally an item listed on the errata sheet you enclosed has already opened a new avenue of approach.

While with U.N.R.R.A. in China my last assignment was with C.L.A.R.A. which was the program Communist Liberated Areas Relief Administration I met Mao Tze Tung, Chou En Lai, Chu Teh and Lin Piao prior to their taking over mainland China. I am presently doing some work dealing with the above Chinese leaders. Although I maintain some journalist and film ties with Peking I use them very carefully. I am in need of some current photographs of the above men. Some time ago I heard that a lady journalist, Liuba Solov has been doing work at the U. N. In your daily travels you might just possibly have come across Miss. Solov. I would like to contact her to ascertain the possibility of buying some current photographs for my article.

I note that my friend Harold Wesiberg has just released WHITEWASH II which was mentioned yesterday in the N. Y. Times. He bases much on the Zapruder films and the camera speed. There seems to be some question about the actual speed of the Bell and Howell camera Zapruder used. Although I am not specifically interested in this area of enquiry I am going to get in touch with my old friend Charles Percy who headed Bell and Howell prior to his becoming Governor to get the actual facts as they have the camera. Charles Percy will give me the true facts so we might button that one up.

Looking forward to our meeting.

Cordially,


Jules Striso

540 Tuckahoe Road
Yonkers, N. Y.
January 21, 1967

Dear Mrs. Meagher,

My sincerest thanks for doing something that I should have done! I read your comments regarding the LeBoeuf spoof as was perpetrated by Brackman and Levine. Until I read this "thing?" I had some confidence in Ramparts...now I do not know. We are dealing with matters upon which our future as free people may well depend. I must admit that one section of the spoof intrigued me as it fit right into my own line of research which goes into the gambling orbit of Las Vegas. As I mentioned to you in a previous letter I know little more than I knew on the day of the assassination and for my own personal reasons I have sat back looking for a weak spot. Everything that I have done depends on my belief that the story told in the Warren Commission Report was incorrect. So like a television script writer I spent time on "motivation" accepting the existence of another version. It has paid off as I am presently in the process of negotiating with a Warren Commission witness to get a crack at what we both know is a weak link in the case. Unfortunately and unlike you and I the person involved wants to be paid for the risks involved. This is being arranged. In addition all my material related to this "break" is now in safe hands in Europe where all the financial negotiations are going to be handled. It is a tribute to our free society that this has to be the format of operations. Shades of Orwell and the Establishment!

During the week I heard a radio debate between Louis Nizer, Suavage, Roberts and my old friend Harold Weisberg on the Martha Deane program. Nizer had the audacity to accuse Weisberg and all who investigate the assassination as anti American and besmerchers of the United States. This highly over rated "shyster" is going to get the surprise of his life as there is a very good reason for his taking his particular stand. He operates on orders of the Establishment for reasons which I will expose. One of his clients was associated with a group who allowed the narcotics syndicate into their operations during the period when it was thought that Castro would grant gambling and Red Chinese narcotics smuggling rights to the same group that finally moved into the Bahamas. The base of operations was Las Vegas which makes the LeBoeuf spoof interesting! The whole story is so way out that what I have just written almost seems unrelated....but it is part of the key to the solution.

Would still like to talk to you if you are still interested. I had a Japanese partner and film producer going into Hanoi and Peking for some film work but have had all contacts cut by someone who does not want a free exchange of ideas on both sides. This is why I have gotten all my material into safe hands in Europe. In fact I am surprised that you were even able to get the Esquire series off the ground ????. Will call you during the week to see if you are still interested in a chat.

Cordially,

Jules Stuss

540 Tuckahoe Road
Yonkers, N. Y.
January 25, 1967

Dear Mrs. Meagher,

It was indeed a distinct pleasure in being able to talk to you over the phone the other evening. You certainly transmit a high degree of dedication and apparently you are a fine and sincere person. For reasons which I probably will never have the opportunity to explain our meeting probably would provide us with additional handicaps which we both do not need in our work.

As you may recall I mentioned during our telephone conversation that I was calling from a public phone booth as I only use my private phone for matters which are in no way related to the direction that my enquiry moves.

Unfortunately the day that Orwell predicted may very well have arrived. I would strongly suggest that you avoid using your phone in discussing matters which you consider confidential or important.

In view of the fact that I originally made the contact requesting a meeting I must apologize for being unable to accept your more than kind offer to meet with me.

As I may have mentioned my knowledge of this case began long before the "happening" in Dallas. There is no middle ground in this matter. We either have a conspiracy or we do not! Most of the researchers become completely immersed in technicalities and when those technicalities indicate serious discrepancies the search for technical faults is accelerated. MOTIVATION or why did it happen the way most of us feel it did happen. When you get into this area and come up with some of the conclusions which are inescapable and we run into some terribly frightening things. Matters which many honest and uncorrupted men might well consider too dangerous to our international image to allow disclosure. They garrote the truth in order that the truth live...by their definition. The best of luck in your work.

Apologetically,


Jules Striso

540 Tuckahoe Road
Yonkers, N. Y.
February 8, 1967

Dear Mrs. Meagher,

My sincerest apologies for what happened the other evening. Undoubtedly very little of any value was accomplished and I am sorry that I wasted your valuable time.

Prior to visiting your apartment I got the whole bucket of hot rivets thrown at me and I just couldn't handle it. Under the circumstances I have decided to back off.

There is some possibility that I left some material in your apartment that I had intended to show you. If this is the case I would appreciate your sending it to me and I will send you the amount for the postage involved.

The best of luck in your future efforts. I feel that you are on the right track.

Apologetically,


Jules Striso