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11/10/94

Dr. Henry Graff
Assassination Records Review Board
The National Archives
Washington, DC

Dear Dr. Graff,

A Gannett news story of a month ago I've just received prompts this letter. Please excuse my typing. It cannot be any better.

You are quoted as telling those present at your hearing, "We are all on the same side. The bias of this board is in favor of disclosure." That of course is not only the proper position, it is a welcome one to me. *It has not been my experience with FOIA.*

More than three weeks ago I sent the enclosed letter to the CIA director. I have had no response. But for the CIA that is not unusual. I hope you will have time to read it and perhaps do something about what I say in it. I do have what I tell Woolsey I have and on several of these matters Jim Lesar, who appeared before you, can confirm. He handled almost all of my many FOIA cases.

In them I did get about a third of a million pages. As a matter of principle I make them all and the use of our copier available to all writing in the field. Even though I know all or almost all will write what I do not agree with. Use of FOIA, I believe, makes its users surrogate for the people.

It is not possible for me to travel so I've not been able to examine the records the CIA has disclosed about me. I'm hoping that a friend will make an effort to get them for me today. And that if any are not fully accurate I will be permitted under the Privacy Act as I understand it to file a statement that will be made available along with them.

There is little doubt that it interfered with my publishing and that, I believe, is as anti-American as an agency can get. Neither it nor the FBI has ever disclosed that my mail is included in what, as the Church committee exposed, ~~what~~ the FBI intercepted for the CIA.

I am particularly anxious to see those two Office of Security files the existence of which was disclosed to me, perhaps inadvertently. That it had such files leads to the belief that it monitored those of us known collectively as critics.

I have preserved all the records I obtained by FOIA as I received them for the record for our history. They and all my work will be a public archive at local Hood College. We've also deeded our property to it.

I'm 81 and in poor health. I'd like to be able to file corrections of anything that requires correct^{ING} so that disclosure cannot be used as a means of defaming me in perpetuity and to undermine the credibility of my work. I've published eight books without a letter or a call from anyone mentioned in any of them complaining I treated him unfairly or inaccurately. And there are no theories in any of these books.

Sincerely, Harold Weisberg



November 8, 1966

**"FORGIVE MY GRIEF"
BY
PENN JONES, JR.**

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PENN Jones is the editor of the "Midlothian Mirror," a weekly newspaper published in Midlothian, a small community located approximately 24 miles from Dallas, Texas. In 1952, Mr. Jones was described as being approximately 35 years old, married, and the father of two children. His main business was publishing and printing.

In 1952, Jones was described by individuals acquainted with him in Midlothian, Texas, as a person who "thrives on dissension" and for this reason he prints items in his weekly newspaper which have caused much local dissension and arguments in his community. As a result, the local citizens have subjected him to considerable criticism and antagonism. Some individuals even accused him of being affiliated with communists; however, it is understood that there was no substantiation to the allegation that Mr. Jones had procommunist views and affiliations.

It is understood that on April 30, 1962, an unknown individual threw an incendiary device into the office of Jones' newspaper; however, no arrest was made although it was suspected that a member of an anticommunist group may have been behind this act.

In May, 1965, it was reported by an individual in the newspaper business that Jones had been conducting an investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy. Jones allegedly had a theory that Leo Harvey Oswald was paid a large sum of money by two brothers from Texas closely associated with President Johnson to assassinate President Kennedy. Jones had allegedly discussed this matter with former White House aide Theodore Sorenson; former Attorney General Robert Kennedy; and former Attorney General Katzenbach. However, when Jones was thoroughly interviewed about this matter, he denied that he had ever had such a theory and stated he did not discuss any theory regarding the assassination with the previously mentioned Government officials. He did relate that he had visited Washington, D. C., in the Spring of 1964, where he met Mr. Sorenson, Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Katzenbach and had them autograph books to him.

Captioned individual has no known arrest record.

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"THE SECOND OSWALD"
BY
PROFESSOR RICHARD H. POPKIN

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Richard H. Popkin was born on December 27, 1923, in New York City. He received the B. A. degree at Columbia University in 1943, the M. A. degree in 1945 and the Ph. D. degree in 1950. He was an instructor at the University of Connecticut, 1946-47, Assistant Professor, State University of Iowa, 1947-53, and Associate Professor, 1953-55. He was a Visiting Professor, University of California at Berkeley, 1953-54, and a Professor at Harvey Mudd College, Claremont, California, 1956-63. He has been Chairman of the Department of Philosophy, University of California at San Diego, since 1963.

Popkin is the Co-Director of International Archives of History of Ideas and President of the Jewish Committee of LaJolla, California. He has been the recipient of many honors, including a Fulbright Research Scholarship in Paris, 1952-53. He won Phi Beta Kappa and other honors while in school and has contributed numerous articles, reviews and monographs to various publications.

In October, 1965, it was alleged that four members of the faculty of the University of California at San Diego were the main organizers of the "International Days of Protest" observance scheduled for October 15 and 16, 1965. Professor Richard H. Popkin was the Chairman of the Committee sponsoring this observance. The program was to consist of picketing plus a demonstration around the flagpole located on the campus of San Diego State College. Speeches were to be made opposing the United States policy in Vietnam and leaflets along the same line were to be passed out. It was also learned that the Socialist Workers Party had expressed an intention to support the demonstration. The Socialist Workers Party has been cited pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Popkin has no known arrest record.

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"INQUEST" BY EDWARD JAY EPSTEIN

Edward Jay Epstein was born December 6, 1935, and attended Cornell University. He wrote "Inquest" as his master's thesis.

In 1958, he traveled as a tourist in the Soviet Union and described himself as a student residing at 121 Wright Road, Rocky Avenue Centre, New York.

In 1955, while a student at Cornell University, Epstein complained that a telephone conversation between him and another student had been tape-recorded by a member of the Cornell University Student Council. The Council was investigating campus election irregularities. Epstein was the source of several complaints while a student and was the subject of disciplinary action by the Faculty Committee on Student Conduct.

Epstein has no known arrest record.

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"RUSH TO JUDGMENT"

BY
MARK LANE

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Mark Lane, an attorney, was born in New York City on February 24, 1907. He served in the U. S. Army from May 1, 1945 to November 12, 1946, when he was honorably discharged with the rank of Private First Class. He resides at 178 Spring Street, New York City. Mark Lane has a long history of affiliation with Communist Party (CP) front groups and organizations which have been cited as subversive.

The "Daily Worker" for May 27, 1953, stated that the National Lawyers Guild (NLG) held an election of officers on May 26, 1952, and that Mark Lane was elected an ex officio member of the Board of Directors of the NLG. The "Daily Worker" was an east coast communist newspaper which is no longer being published.

In June, 1953, a source advised that Lane's name appeared on the membership list of the New York Chapter of the NLG and that he was a subscriber to the "Lawyers Guild Review," the official publication of the NLG. On May 17, 1961, Lane spoke at a membership meeting of the organization, according to another source.

The May 15 1964, issue of "Newsletter," a publication of the NLG, reported that Mark Lane was co-chairman of the National Committee of the Integration of the Legal Profession of the NLG.

The House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) has described the NLG as the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party.

On July 25, 1961, Mark Lane was the principal speaker at the annual ceremonies of the Emma Lazarus Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs (ELF) at the Statue of Liberty in New York. The ELF is recognized by the Communist Party, USA, as an important progressive organization for women. It grew out of the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order of the International Workers Order, both of which have been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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L spoke at a meeting of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC) on October 21, 1962, in New York City. He strongly supported Cuba and its government and condemned American policy relating to Cuba. The ECLC has been cited by the HCUA as an organization operating as a communist front.

Lane was elected to the New York State Assembly in 1960, and in May, 1962, he was defeated in an attempt to secure the nomination as a candidate for United States House of Representatives from the 18th Congressional District in New York. A source reported, in connection with Lane's attempt to secure this nomination, that a meeting of the Manhattan County Communist Party Coordinating Committee was held on April 5, 1962, to discuss election problems in the 18th Congressional District. It was reported that the speaker at this meeting stated that the Committee had to support Mark Lane as the candidate since his views were most consistent with the "people's program." The speaker further indicated that a victory for Lane would be a tremendous victory for the progressive movement.

With regard to Lane's service in the New York State Assembly, "The Militant" for December 18, 1961, carried an article which related to Lane's appearance at a rally in New York on December 6, 1961. Lane reportedly stated that his first official action during the coming session of the Assembly would be to introduce a resolution to persuade the U. S. Congress to abolish the HCUA. "The Militant" is a weekly newspaper of the Socialist Workers Party which had been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Mark Lane has been strongly opposed to the House Committee on Un-American Activities. During the early 1960's, he was very active in the New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAHUAAC) and made numerous speeches in New York and other areas of the country in support of the aims of this organization.

The NYCAHUAAC is an affiliate of the National Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee and both were founded principally by an individual who was a Communist Party (CP) member in 1952. It has been reported that CP members in the New York City area have been solicited on various occasions to support the NYCAHUAAC.

Sources have reported that Mark Lane has been a frequent associate in New York City of Isidore Cobby Needleman, an attorney who was formerly employed by Amtorg Trading Corporation, the registered Russian trade agency in the United States. Needleman was reportedly interested in assisting Lane during his political campaign in 1960 when he was elected to the New York State Assembly. Needleman has represented current and former Communist Party members in court and before various Congressional committees. He has had custody of Communist Party funds and has described himself as a strict adherent of Marxist-Leninist doctrines. It has also been reported that Needleman has acted as a Soviet espionage agent in the past.

On November 6, 1961, a rally was held at the McMillan Theatre, Columbia University, New York City, to protest the University's ban against the appearance of several communist speakers at that school. Benjamin J. Davis, National Secretary of the Communist Party, and Mark Lane were principal speakers at this rally.

On February 12, 1964, a meeting was held at San Diego which was sponsored by the San Diego Neighborhood Forum, the name under which the Communist Party sponsored public meetings in that area. This meeting was also sponsored by the Friends of the "National Guardian." Mark Lane was a featured speaker at this meeting.

Mark Lane was involved in an extensive public speaking tour in 1964 on behalf of the "National Guardian." He spoke concerning his knowledge of and inquiry into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Lane was, at that time, Chairman of the Citizens Committee of Inquiry, a New York group which he had formed to make an independent inquiry into the slaying of President Kennedy. Lane was hired on January 14, 1964, by Marguerite C. Oswald, mother of Lee Harvey Oswald, to represent her dead son before the Warren Commission.

The "National Guardian" has been cited by the HCUA as having manifested itself as a virtual official propaganda arm of the Soviet Union.

During his speaking tour in 1964, Lane addressed several meetings of the W. E. B. DuBois Clubs in various parts of the country. The W. E. B. DuBois Clubs is a communist youth organization which was conceived by the Communist Party, USA, and is currently being operated and controlled by the Communist Party.

On August 6, 1965, Mark Lane was a featured speaker before a meeting of the Alliant Labor Forum of the Socialist Workers Party in New York City. His topic at that time related to the Cuban Revolution and he pointed out that the communist government in Cuba is best for citizens of that country and that the Cuban people had embraced communism because it was the only way open to them when the United States refused to negotiate. He also criticized American military action in Vietnam. The Socialist Workers Party has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Lane has been highly critical of American policies in Vietnam and has spoken at various anti-Vietnam rallies and meetings.

"The New York Times" of June 9, 1961, reported that Lane had been arrested at Jackson, Mississippi, on June 8, 1961, as a member of a group of "Freedom Riders" who had been taken into custody in that city. He was convicted of breach of the peace in the City Court on June 8, 1961, and sentenced to four months' confinement and a \$200 fine, with two months of the jail sentence suspended. This conviction was subsequently overturned in the County Court at Jackson and Lane was acquitted.

"The New York Times" also reported on April 3, 1962, that Mark Lane had been fined \$415 on April 2, 1962, in New York City as a "scofflaw," for ignoring numerous traffic tickets.

Lane was arrested by the Baltimore County Police Department at Towson, Maryland, on July 4, 1963, in connection with participating in a civil rights demonstration. The disposition of this arrest is not known.

The Office of the District Attorney, Queens County, New York, conducted an investigation of Lane in 1962 for alleged sodomy. In connection with this investigation, statements were taken from two women by the District Attorney's Office which related to obscene activities on the part of Lane. An obscene photograph of Lane and handwritten instructions by Lane relating to alleged perverted sexual acts of a sadistic and masochistic nature performed by the women on the person of Lane were also obtained during this investigation. Copies of these statements and a copy of the photograph and the handwritten instructions are attached hereto as enclosures.

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Number 8, 1966

"THE TRUTH ABOUT THE KENNEDY MURDER"
BY
JOACHIM JOESTEN

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Mr. Joachim Joesten, who is also known as Joachim Franz Joesten, Walter Kohl and Paul Delanthuis, was born in Cologne, Germany, on June 20, 1907. He reportedly was forced to flee from Germany in 1933 because of his "pacifist and Liberal-Socialist connections." Following his departure from Germany in March, 1938, he became a correspondent for American, British, French, Belgian and Swiss newspapers in the Scandinavian countries where he lived from 1934 to 1940.

He entered the United States in April, 1941, and was naturalized an American citizen in June, 1949. Following his arrival in the United States he was an assistant editor in the foreign department of "Newsweek" magazine for three years. In 1945 he became a free-lance writer and has contributed articles to such magazines as "Liberty," "This Week," "The Nation," as well as to such newspapers as the "New York Herald Tribune," the "New York Post," and the "Wall Street Journal." As of 1955, he had published four books on foreign affairs.

In 1941 an allegation was made that he was a communist. Subsequent investigation failed to indicate Mr. Joesten was a communist. However, he has been described as a "controversial figure" and at his naturalization hearing he identified himself as a "left-wing liberal" and as a free-lance writer.

In more recent years, Mr. Joesten has written a number of articles and books on the assassination of former President Kennedy. One such book entitled "Oswald: Assassin or Fall Guy?" was described in an article appearing in the August 1, 1964, issue of "Editor and Publisher" as being "filled with inaccuracies." It was also pointed out in this article that Mr. Joesten's book viciously attacked FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover. This book was published by Marzani and Munsell Publishers, Inc., of New York City. Mr. Carl Aldo Marzani served two years in Federal prison during 1949-51 for making false statements regarding past Communist Party membership. Alexander Ector Orr Munsell is reported to have financially supported the Communist Party and its front groups in the past.

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- November 5, 1975

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**U. S. SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE
TO STUDY GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS
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**RE: REQUEST FOR DELIVERY OF MATERIALS WHICH
ARE SUPPLEMENTARY TO SSC REQUESTS OF
JULY 28, 1975, PART 3. D., AUGUST 20,
1975, PART 3. 1. A., AND SEPTEMBER 18,
1975, PARTS 2. AND 3. C.**

Reference is made to SSC letter dated September 18, 1975, which requested access or delivery of materials, many of which are supplementary to prior SSC requests of July 28, 1975, Part 3. D., and August 20, 1975, Part 3. 1. A.

On October 29, 1975, Mr. Lester Seidel, SSC Staff Member, requested delivery of materials relating to the following categories of SSC request of September 18, 1975:

- 2. Files on Warren Commission Critics
- 3. C. [REDACTED] NAR

This is to advise that the materials requested by Mr. Seidel will be delivered with this memorandum.

1 - The Attorney General

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Honorable Marvin Watson
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

Reference is made to your request regarding the authors
of books dealing with the assassination of President Kennedy.

Attached are summary memoranda setting forth pertinent
information contained in FBI files concerning the following individuals:

Edward Jay Epstein
Yachin Joesten
Kenneth Jones, Jr.
Mark Lane

Professor Richard H. Popkin
Leo Sauvage
Harold Weisberg

The files of the FBI contain no pertinent data with
respect to Sylvan Fox, author of "The Unanswered Questions About
President Kennedy's Assassination."

A copy of this communication has not been sent to the
Attorney General.

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Sincerely yours,

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In an interview with Mr. Joesten in March, 1964, concerning this book, he was reported to have stated that his "documentation" was based on newspaper articles and a four-day visit to Dallas, Texas, in December, 1963. The interviewees subsequently described Mr. Joesten as being "biased and very erratic." During that same period, Mrs. Joesten indicated that her husband had been making "rambling senseless statements" and that she felt he was on the verge of having a "nervous breakdown."

On August 6, 1966, Mr. Joesten was arrested by the Zurich, Switzerland, Police and held for twenty-four hours in order that he could be psychiatrically observed. On August 8, 1966, Mr. Joesten left Switzerland and authorities of that country have issued a ban against his reentering Switzerland.

Mr. Joesten's most recent book, "The Truth About the Kennedy Murder," has been described as a 360-page book published by a firm in Switzerland. It was further described as containing many of the baseless conclusions found in his prior book, "Oswald: Assassin or Fall Guy?"

Mr. Joesten has no known American arrest record.

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BY LEO SAUVAGE

Leo Sauvage was born on February 23, 1913, at Nancy, France. In 1954 he was reported as a correspondent and chief of the New York Bureau of "Le Populaire," a French socialist newspaper. He also has been reported as a correspondent for the French publication "Le Figaro."

In 1951 it was reported that Sauvage was a member of a small group of individuals close to Louis Dolivet who was refused reentry to the United States due to his suspected communist and Comintern background.

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According to a statement filed with the Department of Justice, Foreign Agents Registration Section, the French Press Agency (FPA) in January, 1954, listed Leo Sauvage, 270 West End Avenue, New York City, as an employee of that agency.

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The March, 1964, issue of "Commentary," a monthly magazine published by the American Jewish Committee, contained an article by Sauvage entitled "The Oswald Affair." This article attacks the findings of the Warren Commission concerning the assassination of former President John F. Kennedy and suggests that Oswald was unjustly presumed to be guilty of the assassination due to prejudiced press and television coverage.

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November 8, 1966

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~~WHITEWASH -- THE REPORT ON THE~~
~~WARREN REPORT~~
BY
HAROLD WEISBERG

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Harold Weisberg, the author of the above-captioned book, and his wife, Lillian Stone Weisberg, jointly own a 14-acre tract of land in Hyattstown, Maryland, upon which they operate the Coq d'Or Farm whose principal business is raising of pheasant-chickens, Rock-Cornish game hens, waterfowl and other poultry and the sale of poultry and eggs.

Harold Weisberg was an employee of the La Follette Civil Liberties Committee from September, 1936, to October, 1939, and was discharged for permitting certain information to leak to the press. Senator La Follette stated that Weisberg had been dismissed for a breach of trust involving the release of confidential information to a newspaper and the Senator was quite certain the newspaper involved was "The Daily Worker," a former east coast communist newspaper.

Weisberg was one of 10 employees fired summarily by the State Department in June, 1947, because of suspicion of being a communist or having communistic sympathies. He was later allowed to resign without prejudice, but was not restored to his position. His wife, Lillian Stone Weisberg, was investigated under the provisions of Executive Order 9835 in 1948 and the Civil Service Commission advised in October, 1948, that she had been retained. At that time, she was a clerk in the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Her name had been carried in the active list of members of the Washington Book Shop Association and the Washington Committee for Democratic Action during December, 1947. The Washington Book Shop Association and the Washington Committee for Democratic Action have both been cited by the Department of Justice as subversive.

During an undisclosed period, but presumably in the 1950's, it was ascertained that [redacted] a foreign ministry employee of [redacted] in Washington, D. C., was in contact with Harold Weisberg at his farm. Weisberg had previously extended an invitation to [redacted] to visit his farm and it was also determined that [redacted] had received the invitation from Weisberg incidental to an invitation extended to Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev and party.

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It was ascertained in September, 1959, that Weisberg asked [redacted] in (S) 1B Washington, D. C., for information on [redacted] reaction to the proposal (S) 1C that his chickens be placed in competition with [redacted] poultry. (S)

In 1956, it was alleged that Weisberg held an annual celebration of the Russian Revolution. This celebration involved a picnic at his residence and was attended by 25 to 30 unknown people. It was believed this affair was in commemoration of the Russian Revolution inasmuch as it was held on the day when the communists celebrate all over the world. SECRET

In 1961, Weisberg and his wife filed a claim against the Government under the Federal Tort Claims Act in the amount of \$9,950 for damages allegedly sustained by them in their poultry business as a result of low-flying helicopters. This case was tried and court directed judgment in favor of the Weisbergs for \$750.

Weisberg has no known arrest record.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan
FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan
SUBJECT: JOE PYNE SHOW
SUNDAY EVENING
DECEMBER 10, 1967

1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Rosen
DATE: December 11, 1967

1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Branigan
1 - Mr. Lenihan

The Joe Pyne Show which appeared on Washington TV Station Channel 5 from 10-12 p.m., 12/10/67, had among its guests Harold Weisberg, author who has written a number of books highly critical of the Warren Commission. Set forth below is a summary of the data discussed by Weisberg and Pyne:

BACKGROUND OF WEISBERG:

Weisberg is the author of the book entitled "Whitewash-The Report of the Warren Report." This book is a vitriolic and diabolical criticism of the Warren Commission, the FBI, the Secret Service, police agencies and other branches of the United States Government. It contains inaccuracies, falsehoods and deliberate slanting of facts to fit Weisberg's purpose. Weisberg was one of ten employees fired summarily by the State Department during 1947 because of suspicion of being a communist or having communist sympathies. Later he was allowed to resign without prejudice but was not restored to his former position. Weisberg has been in contact with Soviet officials in this country and has entertained these officials at his farm at Hyattstown, Maryland, where Weisberg raises chickens.

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WEISBERG'S CURRENT ALLEGATIONS:

Weisberg alleged that there are a number of people in high positions in the U. S. Government who know the identity of the individuals who killed President Kennedy but are suppressing such information. He alleged that officials of the Warren Commission, FBI, CIA, and several other U. S. Government agencies are involved in this suppression of evidence.

Weisberg alleged that a Cuban refugee informed the Warren Commission shortly after the assassination that Leon Oswald and two Mexicans had visited her at her residence in Dallas on September 26 or 27, 1963. Weisberg claims the Warren Commission

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: JOE PYNE SHOW
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Ignored this woman's information. The woman is Sylvia Odio, an anti-Cuban refugee. Odio's allegation was completely investigated and results disseminated by us to the Warren Commission. Odio is a mental case and Oswald was on a bus en route to Mexico when Odio claims she met Leon Oswald.

Weisberg claimed James Altgens, Associated Press photographer, took a picture at the time the Presidential motorcade was passing the front of the Texas School Book Depository just a second or two prior to the assassination. Weisberg claims this photograph discloses an individual who appeared to be Lee Harvey Oswald standing in the doorway of the Depository building. This is an old allegation made by Weisberg, Mark Lane, and others. The individual standing in the doorway of the Depository building is Billy N. Lovelady, an employee of the building. Lovelady has identified the picture in question as one of him. This has been corroborated by a number of Lovelady's fellow employees who were beside him at the time the picture was taken. Weisberg attempted to discredit Lovelady by pointing out Lovelady claimed to be wearing a different shirt on the day in question to that depicted in Altgen's photograph. Lovelady has since clarified this statement and has identified the shirt he was wearing in the doorway.

Weisberg claims that just recently he received a call from an unidentified individual who told him Lee Harvey Oswald possessed a "Top Secret Crypto clearance" while in the Marine Corps. The allegation is absolutely false. Oswald never held such high security clearance. He did, of course, hold a clearance for certain classified data which was published in Marine training documents and the like.

Weisberg claims that Oswald was not a communist. He claims that Oswald's communist-like activities and defection to Russia were simply mechanics used by Oswald to conceal his true political feelings. Our investigation of course disclosed that Oswald was highly sympathetic to Russia and Marxism.

OBSERVATIONS:

It was obvious that Joe Pyne, host of the program, was completely unable or unwilling to recognize Weisberg's false statements. As a result, Weisberg had an excellent platform to expound his false allegations and continue his scurrilous attack upon the U. S. Government and its agencies.

ACTION:

For information. We have previously furnished data concerning Weisberg's [scurrilous background] to the White House and Attorney General.

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