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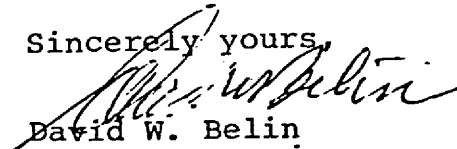
RE: "The Assassinations"

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of my correspondence to Messrs. Paul L. Hoch, Peter Dale Scott and Russell Stetler. I have not give permission to anyone to use any material written by me in the book you propose to publish. I insist that you remove my name as a "contributor" from the book. I also insist that you remove my name as a "contributor" in all pre-publication publicity or material and that you withdraw all prepublication publicity or material wherever there is any reference to my being a "contributor." Furthermore, I demand that you not use my name in any manner whatsoever as a "contributor" in any other publicity or promotional or other material in connection with this book. Reference to my name as a "contributor" constitutes deceptive promotion and advertising. The material which you propose to use is not representative of my overall writing, particularly in light of the other people you list as "contributors" and in light of the false allegations and innuendos which appear in the promotional piece that I have just received.

I further demand that if you include in this book the Sylvia Meagher article in the August 13, 1971, issue of The Texas Observer in which she omits the fact that from the very beginning there were reports that Givens claimed he saw Oswald on the sixth floor and in which she uses the words "perjury" and "suborning" of testimony, the "anthology" include the facts that were omitted from the Meagher article. For this book to repeat these false statements without setting forth the overall record and the fact that Meagher deliberately misrepresented the overall record amounts to a continued fraudulent cover-up. Furthermore, this, coupled with the innuendo of "collusion, perjury, and the suborning of false testimony," also amounts to libel and slander, for which you are legally liable as a publisher.

Sincerely yours,


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