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Dear Mrs. Weagher, August 4th

Thank you for the fascinating article on political assassinations and the New York Times.

My faith in the Times, if I ever had any, has been much shaken by the way they treated my book on the Kennedys and the Collier-Horowitz book. They gave all their review attention to the latter even though mine is the major book.

Since the assassination of President Kennedy is the central fact of the

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Keenly saga) devoted more
research attention to it than any other
area. My book is so constructed that
everything builds up to that horrendous
event in Dallas, and then everything
flows away inexorably from it.

) In Seth Kantor's words: "Collins
and Horowitz ... ignore the assassination as
an investigative issue, not caring to
hike through Ferraro et al. (see his review)
... And they find no reason to explore
in detail either Bobby Kennedy's murder
or ... Chappaquiddick."

Kantor goes on to compliment me
on the way) handled the assassinations,
as does the enclosed review from
Houston.

You will note from the
enclosed three reviews that the

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reviewers give equal space to both books. It is only fair to do so.

But not the New York Times. At first they reviewed only the Collier-Herowitz book. Then, when McLean-Mill protested, they reluctantly gave me a little side review in the back pages.

I have since heard from an informant that they did not appreciate the way I handled the JFK assassination and the investigations of the assassination. Whether that is true or not I do not know.

All I know is that The
 Vaunted New York Times devoted
 much more attention to a book which,
 in the words of the enclosed Los
 Angeles Times review, "constitutes, in
 many respects, an appeal to prurient
 interest."... "It satisfies the common
 taste for scandal, but is it a serious
 quest for the truth?"

As you can see, I am
 somewhat peeved. The Europeans
 are treating ~~the~~^{my} book with more
 respect. We sold the British
 rights very well and I will do
 a promotional tour of England next
 spring. And we have good offers
 from the Germans and Italians.
 I hope to meet you soon.

All the best,
 John M. 