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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

I have received all the books I ordered. Thank you. I have already read parts of all of them. I note that you sent me a refund check, but I do not intend to cash it. Consider it a handling charge. You should be careful, your check has your phone number! I would like to call you sometime, but only with your permission.

Senator Cooper died about a year ago. He was in poor health. Very little was ever written in Kentucky about Cooper's service on the Warren Commission, at least in newspapers and local magazines. I have heard of "Whitewash" for years, but even in underground bookstores and our large Louisville independent bookstore, Hawley-Cooke, I never saw a copy of your books until I wrote you.

I intend to go look at Cooper's papers at UK in Lexington soon, and I'll look for the copy of Whitewash you sent him. If you have any thing you would like for me to look for, let me know.

I bet it was interesting for you to work on the Bloody Harlan prosecution. I am from Eastern Kentucky, where my father was a branch manager of the local Caterpillar dealer. It is a unique area, much misunderstood. I went to a Catholic school in Corbin, St. Camillus Academy. I'll never forget how proud the nuns were when Kennedy was elected, and how devastated they were when he

was killed. I was only nine, but even today the strength of the emotions at that time were incredible. Kentucky was considered somewhat anti-Catholic at that time, except for the Ohio Valley. I think the nuns are the reason today that I am so fascinated by the Kennedy administration. Economist Walter Heller is the only member of the Kennedy administration I ever met, but to me his economic policies were progressive even today, compared to some of the clowns that masquerade as modern economists.

Some observations. I have Accessories After the Fact, and it is excellent. I also have Seth Kantor's reissue on Ruby in Dallas, which is good and similar to your Oswald in New Orleans.

After reading most of the popular books on the assassination, I strongly feel that most of them were written with your books in one hand and the typewriter in the other. Accessories is also plagiarized by others. At least Livingstone gave you a footnote!

I hope you will consider writing a magazine article on the JAMA article. My wife Betsy has an ART, which is the medical records degree, and she finds the autopsy so amateurish that an intern would not do this bad. It is really more of a political article, implying that anyone who questions them is a nut or moneygrubber as they imply Dr.Crenshaw is. I guess this is like water off a duck's back, an apt analogy for someone such as you who has been criticized by one writer as a "poultry farmer". Gee, I didn't know you couldn't criticize lying and coverups if you raised chickens! If you make a living from your books, you are a fast buck artist, but if you have another job you are a 'buff'.

On "The Men Who Killed Kennedy" on the Arts and Entertainment network, I feel it was quite a tribute to you that they let you

have the last word. I do have one odd discovery. I bought a copy of "The JFK Conspiracy" with James Earl Jones. It has some good stuff and some fluff, but it has a good copy of the Zapruder film. Trouble is, this version is different from the one on A & E! The one on the A&E documentary shows more of the road sign, whereas the other is missing more frames there. I presume the one used on "The Men Who Killed Kennedy" is one that Robert Groden supplied, but I have no way of knowing this for a fact. The one I purchased does have better color.

Recently I saw a show, I believe "Eyewitness Video". Bob Pettit and others were interviewed about the Ruby shooting. This video shows a unique view over Ruby's shoulder that I had never seen before. In it, Oswald clearly looks right at Ruby, in a sly way. I had read that Oswald showed a hint of recognition to Ruby, but until this view, I could not see it. It is chilling. If you have not seen this view, I would be glad to cue it up and send it to you. I tape everything.

I have two questions to ask.

1. Have you ever seen a weight for President Kennedy's brain? They weighed many other organs, but the brain weight would surely answer some questions about the bullet damage.
2. How and why did you decide Jim Garrison is a fraud? You were apparently close at one time, as he wrote the foreword for one of your books. I have always been of the "He must have been on to something" school, but his gambling trips to Las Vegas, his alleged \$5,000 lines of credit, questions about the purchase of a home from Carlos Marcello's associate, sure lead one to wonder.

If you have the time to answer, great. If not I certainly understand.

Kennedy certainly had an effect on people. A few people I know met him, and even the Republicans were wowed by his charm. I was wondering if you ever had the opportunity to meet President Kennedy.

A study of the assassination makes me have a better appreciation of the guts it takes to run for president. Four years ago, at a Dukakis rally about this time, I got yelled at by a Secret Service agent for stepping off a curb! Too bad they didn't pay more attention 28 years ago.

Bill Clinton arrives in town today, and I admire the guy for running. I look forward to another Republican dirty tricks campaign, where they will try to convince us that Clinton is the next Satan. It is a sad commentary the candidates for office go to Yale and Harvard, but carry on a campaign that would make a Teamster blush.

My personal goal is to live to 2029, when they release the Kennedy papers. I am 38, so I hope I have a shot. I'll certainly drink a toast to you if I ever see the truth.

Say "Hi" to your wife, and take care. It's your fault that I stay up half the night reading, but your books are better than anything I have ever read. Please send me the address of Hood College, I would like to make a donation in your honor to the library.

Sincerely,


Bill Neichter