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Harold Weisberg

Dear Harold:

in New York.

I don't know any attorneys. I have your recent letter about your problems with the Whitewash compilation. I would get out the contracts and insist that they be followed. I'll read anything you send me.

I enclose the material recently received from the Cooper law firm. Note that Sen. Cooper comments on Mark Lane, Ms. Odio, the grassy knoll gunman, and other good stuff. I stick highlighters on the pages that are especially interesting.

As a sidelight, Chris Dodd is a Univ. of Louisville grad, and a friend of a friend. However, I think the friendship was partially thru Dodd's exwife! Perhaps I'll write him a letter sometime.

I would have been damn tempted to reissue Whitewash as is with a 20 page update. Hindsight is always 20/20.

I kind of hate to give you publishing advice, as I haven't finished my article about you. I need to take off work and do it, it is hard to write and watch football at the same time!

I did some interesting research this week. As you know, in Sen. Cooper's earlier papers, he replies to several letters asking him about Mark Lane's 1967 Playboy Interview. Jim Garrison also gave an interview in October 1967. I wanted the Lane article, could not get it but I did get the Garrison interview.

Do you want a copy?

Garrison almost seems to me to be a manic-depressive. When he is "on", he goes on and on about the CIA in a paranoid fashion.

I also bought for \$3 an original of "Inquest".

Which leads me to two questions. 1. Do you think Epstein plagiarized from Whitewash?

2. Do you think you emphasized David Ferrie and Clay Shaw too much to Jim Garrison, or did he take the ball and run by trying to connect Shaw to some sort of conspiracy? To me, if Shaw did call Dean Andrews about representing Oswald, this would argue against Shaw being in a conspiracy, and would indicate Shaw had intelligence connections not related to the assassination.

I need Wrone's home address because I am sending him a small gift for Christmas and don't want to send it to the Univ.

One of the areas of history I have always been interested in is not only the True story of history, but in the popular perception of it through the newspapers and books. I think stories seem to take on a life of their own, in popular myths. Examples are the idea that FDR allowed the attack on Pearl Harbor so the U.S. would get in WWII, Kennedy was going to have Castro killed, that JFK had Diem killed in Vietnam, that JFK was some sort of nut who thought about nothing but chasing girls, that Kennedy is the reason the Vietnam war was escalated. Of course, the less well read, the more vehement the argument. Sort of like those here in the South that insist the Civil War was not over slavery, but States Rights. Yeah, the right to have slaves!

The pop idea that Nixon was not so bad, because "everyone else did it" to me is the most cynical.

The area of Kennedy's administration that is most misunderstood is his economic policies. The investment tax credit was the best idea of the last 50 years, and ever since it was repealed, the capital spending in the U.S. has been flat or down. I feel JFK was killed at the moment that was a critical one in his administration, as the crisis atmosphere had been overcome, and the stage was set for peace and prosperity.

We did achieve prosperity, but not peace.

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Book report. Saw Livingstone's new one. It is interesting how so many of the doctors involved said the wound was in back of head.

Saw Robert Groden picture book ,sealed. Foreword by Oliver Stone.

Saw Cyril Wecht's new one. About 70 pages on JFK, similar on RFK. Did not credit you in index, an insult in my opinion.

Saw MLK: The Assass. by you. In B.Dalton's. First time I have seen on shelf.

Please find the lost Lil pics! Enclosed.

Your hillbilly researcher,

Bill

 Say Hi to Lil!