

February 16, 1994

Mr. Keith Runyan
Book Review Editor
Louisville Courier Journal
525 West Broadway
Louisville, KY 40202

re: Review of Selections from Whitewash by Harold Weisberg

Dear Mr. Runyan:

I would like to submit for publication a review of the book Selections from Whitewash by Harold Weisberg. The enclosed review is 473 words in length. The book is available in local bookstores.

For the past several years, I have been a serious researcher into Senator John Sherman Cooper of Kentucky and his role on the Warren Commission. I was, therefore, most pleased to recently read a book by Harold Weisberg which clearly explains the problems with the investigation into President Kennedy's assassination.

Unlike so many other current books on the JFK assassination, Mr. Weisberg is able to write a competent book which deals with known facts rather than a few facts combined with wild speculation. This is an excellent book which deserves to be read by any individual interested in our nation's recent history.

I ask that you consider this review for publication and I would appreciate it if you would contact me concerning your decision on publication.

If I can supply you with any other information, either about this book, or about myself, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

William L. Neichter

WLN/ea

TITLE: SELECTIONS FROM WHITEWASH 554 pp
AUTHOR: HAROLD WEISBERG
PUBLISHER: CARROLL & GRAF PUBLISHERS, NEW YORK, NY 1994
\$16.95 SOFTCOVER

Reviewer: William L. Neichter

About the reviewer: The reviewer is a Louisville attorney. He has researched the Warren Commission for several years, specializing in the papers of Kentucky Senator John Sherman Cooper .

REVIEW OF SELECTIONS FROM WHITEWASH

In recent years, dozens of books have been written about the Kennedy assassination. Most are fiction and speculation, with a few facts thrown in. Selections from Whitewash is all facts, with footnotes and cites for most sources included. It is the one book you should read if you are interested in the crime of the century.

Harold Weisberg is the most important researcher and historian to ever write about the assasssination of President John F. Kennedy. Now over 80 years old, he is a former newspaper reporter and U.S. Senate investigator. He has published six books on the JFK murder and this new book is a "best of" his writings.

Weisberg wrote the first book critical of the Warren Commission in 1965. One of the original critics, he interviewed many of the witnesses to the events in Dallas. He is perhaps most noted for filing over a dozen lawsuits against the federal government to free up the files of the FBI and the Commission. He is personally responsible for opening 250,000 pages of files to the public and press.

Selections from Whitewash exposes the flaws in the investigation of JFK's assasssination. The FBI failed to inspect all of the photographic evidence available,

even when offered to them. The Warren Commission chose to ignore or overlook evidence of a conspiracy. For example, Weisberg is critical of the "single bullet" theory, which claims all the non-fatal wounds of JFK and Governor Connally were caused by one barely damaged bullet found at Parkland Hospital. Surprisingly, three of the Commissioners agreed that the single bullet theory is wrong.

Kentucky Senator John Sherman Cooper was a member of the Warren Commission, and he, Senator Russell and Representative Boggs all expressed serious doubts that one bullet could have caused all these wounds. The Report glosses over these differences of opinion, yet without the single bullet theory, Lee Harvey Oswald alone could not have killed the President.

Weisberg does not believe Oswald shot JFK. He cites evidence that Oswald was near the first floor of the Texas School Book Depository at the time of the shooting. He further shows how the FBI could never prove Oswald had any connection to the cheap rifle found on the sixth floor of the Depository.

Weisberg believes the Warren Report whitewashed the truth, and was never a proper investigation. [Selections from Whitewash](#) is a valuable resource for casual readers and serious scholars alike. After reading this book, you will understand why JFK's murder is as controversial today as it was November 22, 1963.