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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Thank you for your letter to me of last month. I was a history major in college, so I really appreciate both your comments and the research you have done on this subject. Perhaps, truth is stranger than fiction. Last week, at the Kentucky Bar Association Convention, I was able to question Vincent Bugliosi. His talk ran late, so I asked him if he did not think a cheap rifle, with a misaligned scope and 20 year old ammo was an odd choice for a political assassination, especially when the fatal shot was roughly 300 feet. After ignoring my question about the scope, he stated that the use of a \$12.00 rifle was evidence that there was no conspiracy, because the conspirators would not have provided Oswald with such a poor weapon! I thought this was a rather novel answer.

As this was the first day of the convention, I was branded the "Kennedy assassination expert". Surprisingly, virtually all comments made to me agreed there was a conspiracy.

In a private conversation last week, Joseph Lambert, an Associate Justice of the Kentucky Supreme Court, told me an interesting story. He had worked for Senator John Sherman Copper and remained a close friend until his death. Judge Lambert told me that in his later years, Senator Cooper had come to doubt the conclusions of the Warren Commission. He said

they had done the best they could, but that if someone could prove them wrong, he would sure like to see their proof.

As you may know, Senator Cooper is rather revered in Kentucky because he was always considered one of our state's few honest politicians.

I have just read Jean Hill's book, The Last Dissenting Witness, and found it very interesting. I have also read as much of the three Whitewash books as time has allowed. I found it amazing how the Warren Commission apparently ignored FBI and Secret Service conclusions, that this was a bad case of making the evidence fit the crime. I have seen the prosecution do this in most of the cases that I have defended.

I also find it amazing in the affidavit of Officer Marion Baker that parts of his own affidavit have been scratched out! If you tried to admit something like that into evidence the opposing side would have a field day.

Your comments about your own personal mail being tampered with is very interesting. I feel that the Mafia and probably the right wing were involved in the assassination. The Milteer tape from the Arts and Entertainment show "The Men Who Killed Kennedy" was shocking. I do feel certain that after Kennedy's death it was "cover your rear" time for the FBI, CIA, the Dallas police and the Secret Service. In many ways, they were all compromised in classic Mafia-fashion.

I wish to inquire whether any or all of your papers or files have been placed in a university or public setting where they may be studied by researchers.

Again, thank you for your letter and I would certainly appreciate any additional comments you have. I feel that I have "taken the next step" by reading your books, because I am seeing the real evidence rather than a third hand account of the more commercial books available.

I am sending you a check for the balance I owe on the Whitewash books and a check for all your other books, separate

list enclosed.

I plan on getting a copy of the Journal of the American Medical Association article on Kennedy's death next week. If you have not already received a copy let me know and I will xerox mine.

After reading your books my admiration for you has done nothing but increase. I am just beginning to realize the personal risks and sacrifices you must have made to obtain this evidence.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill Neichter". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

William L. Neichter

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