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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Thank you for sending me POST MORTEM and your kind letter of last June. I have not completed the book yet, but every reading session heightens my admiration for your courageous and brilliant work, and subsequently furthers my disillusionment with our governments' unbelievable handling of this horrific tragedy.

Thank you also for explaining to me in your last letter that the government never intended and never pursued a full official investigation. I have no problem believing that - as I grow in years and watch some of our leaders continue to lie and propagandize in much the same fashion as they did in 1963 and after (and even before). I thought perhaps that the government was hiding something in the files to be locked away after reading the file headings you listed in WHITEWASH. Your work in POST MORTEM and your many FOIA cases have proven, however, what you now know to be true.

I wrote to you last spring for a list of your available works, when I found that our St. Paul and Minneapolis Libraries did not carry your full bibliography. It has crossed my mind, while reading POST MORTEM, that all Americans should know what you have written and that I would like to get it into as many hands as possible. I do not wish to take away from your personal sales of the book, but I have thought to ask your permission to buy two more copies of this work and donate one to each city's library system, so that more people may be made aware of your work. So I write today to ask your opinion of this thought. If it is offensive or dreadfully naive, you must forgive my ignorance, but know that my intentions are for good. One librarian has told me that she will look at any book intended for donation and decide if it will be accepted. With you permission, I will loan them my copy and await their eventual reply. Let me know at your convenience with the SASE what your thought is.

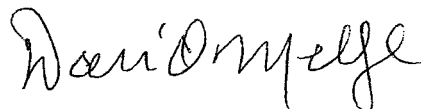
I have enclosed two items that I thought might be of interest to you - articles in our two weekly newspapers on Leonard Peltier and a movie concerning his imprisonment and the shoddy FBI case against him. You may already be long familiar with the history of the American Indian Movement and the Peltier case but, I think you will find interesting parallels to your experience of dealing with the FBI.

Please find City Pages (which you will recall interviewed you for their November 20 issue of last year) with a cover story on Mr. Peltier. Secondly, you will find an issue of The Reader with an a review of "Incident at Oglala", the recently-released and long-awaited film about the Peltier case. The review runs from pages 24-27. I have highlighted the second column on page 26 for you. I had thoughts of writing the reviewer and making him aware of POST MORTEM. "Unthinkable" for the FBI to suppress and/or manufacture evidence?! On the contrary, it has the most frightening precedent imaginable - the cover-up of the assassination of a President - John F. Kennedy. Harold Weisberg has proved it!

You will also a find on page 8, a strange article paralleling Bill Clinton and JFK, and on page 11, an interesting commentary on the power of television and the movie "Network".

I recently had the pleasure of serving Harlan Cleveland at the French Restaurant where I am employed. Mr. Cleveland has been for years a thoughtful columnist at the Minneapolis Star/Tribune. He served as an advisor to President Kennedy during his administration. You may recall the article he wrote on nuclear armaments and his advice to our late President which I sent you some months ago. When I said "Good Night" to Mr. Cleveland and his wife and daughter, I mentioned that piece, that I admired his writing and that I had sent it to you. I had the distinct feeling that their response - a glimmer of recognition and an "oh!" - quietly bespoke knowledge of and respect for your work. I wanted to let you know.

Very best wishes,



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