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Dear Mr. Hay,

I am told that there are errors referring to me in your coming "Who Shot JFK?" at least one of which is certain to be hurtful to me and to in addition lead to much unnecessary correspondence and waste of time of which I do not have all that much at 80 and in impaired health. The error certain to be ~~hurtful~~ hurtful, inevitable in all the crap that theorizes unproven conspiracies is in fact a fabrication. Those characters are so used to making up what they then present as fact they are sloppy and careless when there is no need to be.

I am told that on page 151 of the proof set used for reviewers you say that my entire "Whitewash" series is and has been available in a ~~single~~ ^{single} volume from Carroll & Graf, name misspelled.

That is not true and it will not be true, because I am a small publisher this is certain to be hurtful, more so because of the size of ~~the~~ ^{your} first print.

I am told you also say all my books are typewritten copies. That also is totally false. They were all printed by offset by three different printers.

Managing not even to be able to copy a title correctly my Whitewash IV is mistitled and as you describe it ~~is~~ is all bull. There is no such thing as a "Waggoner" Report and what those nuts have in mind is a formerly top secret Warren Commission executive session that, to the best of my knowledge, was never referred to as anything else. If it had by any chance been referred to by a name, your nuts and experts managed to get even ~~that~~ wrong. The name of the Texas Attorney General that one of those artists at ripping off the mind while ripping off the pocket apparently thought it would be cute to use is Carr. He was Waggoner Carr. And the subtitle of that book is "Top Secret JFK Assassination Transcript."

Epstein was not the first to reproduce that autopsy body chart. It is in my 1965 book on page 197. But he, not Popkin, was the first to publish the Sibert-O'Neill report. I know because I made it possible. I helped Viking's Tim Gervasi promote my competitor's book with that and it was included in the paperback reprint of that summer. Gervasi gave copies away to the press in such large quantities he had to use two different xerox machines one of which reduced the size a little.

It is one aspect of that great national tragedy that established publishers still refuse to publish what is entirely factual. ~~Witness~~ Witness this junk that will further confuse, mislead and misinform the people who care. And for nothing more than money. Not principle.

Please correct the error that says my books are available in a single volume.

cc: general manager

Sincerely, Harold Weisberg

Harold Weisberg