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Mr. John Christian
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Dear John:

I have tried to call you on three occasions, but your residence phone appears to have been disconnected without a new listing, and I was unable to reach you through O'Gara's office also. —Probably the CIA is after you and you're in hiding. Reviewing this WHITEWASH situation, they're probably not only after you, but they'll catch you.

John, I must admit that I am simply too cowardly to get involved in this deal. In all likelihood your telephone lines are being literally tapped right now. You can afford this type of exposure, but I simply can't. I must consider the fact that I am an officer of a public corporation with deep responsibilities that go far beyond any personal interest that I could have in this. People would misconstrue my involvement and this would reflect badly on the company. Thus, I really do not have any other choice.

The way you have the situation presented, it sounds like an attractive business deal and you should be able to attract financial support. However, I will admonish you that your search will be in vain in 99% of the instances where a publicly-owned company is involved. This is strictly a deal for a private investor who can put his money where his political beliefs may lie, let the chips fall where they may.

I think you know from my involvement in the BankCard deal that I am not afraid of taking on any element of our business community in any legitimate fashion. This, however, is a deeply emotional and political situation that will remain controversial for the next hundred years. You are aware, of course, that people are still making a profession of investigating the assassination of President Lincoln.

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Passing time may dim, but will never eliminate, the feeling of a substantial share of United States and world opinion that the complete story of the Kennedy tragedy has never been told. I am sure that Mr. Weisberg is a man with a cause and after having read his first book I personally am convinced that he is a dedicated and conscientious individual. I would not presume to dissuade you from your efforts, but I hope you can understand why I, myself, cannot be in any way involved.

Very truly yours,



Richard M. Wartes

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