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Dear Tom Dodd,

Many thanks for your kind note.

Would you please send me Mr. Allman's address? I know some former colleagues of his who may want to talk to him.

Many thanks. Keep trying.

Sincerely,

July 31, 1967

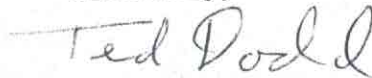
Hyattstown, Maryland

Dear Mr. Weisberg,

I have just finished reading your Photographic Whitewash, and I found it to be of the same quality of excellence as the first two books. Since you are involved in the investigation going on in New Orleans, I want to register my utter astonishment at the attitude taken toward the situation by the press. I never would have believed that in a time when press coverage of criminal trials is facing greater and greater restriction by the courts a "responsible" organization, such as NBC or CBS, would so blatantly try to interfere with a pending case. The actions of these networks have brought into question the integrity of the mass media in this country. I think the television networks have now created their own "credibility gap".

Some time ago I wrote you concerning a conversation I had with Pierce Allman, reporter for radio station WFAA in Dallas. He told me that he had been contacted by several government people, including Wesley Liebeler, who tried to get him to change his account of the assassination--to identify a man he saw in the lobby of the TSED as Oswald. He told them and me that he could not identify the person in question as more than "a white male." I have tried to get more information from Mr. Allman in response to your request, but I have been uniformly unsuccessful. He hasn't answered one of my letters. I shall keep trying, however, and I will inform you if I find out anything.

Sincerely,



1900 Schulle Ave.
Austin, Texas

February 22, 1967

Dear Mr. Weisberg,

I know how busy you must be so I am doubly grateful for your effort at helping me secure information concerning the "white man in a white shirt and Levi's carrying a lever action rifle."

I found that the tape of the news broadcasts concerning the assassination which is in the University of Texas audio library was made from a commercial recording. The record is entitled Four Days that Shocked the World. The record is distributed by the Colpix Record Co. and it was produced by them in collaboration with UPI. The album number is CP 2500. The record also contains Pierce Allman's broadcast from the Depository bldg. and a broadcast made by Ike Papas from the basement of the police station during Oswalds abortive transfer.

Once again thank you for trying to find some information regarding this recording.

Sincerely,

Ted Dodd
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2/11/68

Dear Mr. Dodd,

Thanks for your two letters, which I answer in the unfortunately always required haste.

I cannot identify the suspect with the white shirt and the lever-action rifle. I'd like to know all I can about it and, if there is one, I'd like a bibliography of the recordings on this subject. I am particularly interested in more information on the suspect arrested in the Dal-Tex bldg.

When you refer to the smallness of the number four, recall what Jackson said of one; that if determined enough he became a majority.

Should you ever talk to Pierce Allman again, I'd very much like to know what he knows. He was never called as a witness. This includes the manner in which he was interrogated, if he is not afraid, and in which the federal agents attempted to persuade him to recall and say what he could not. Particularly Liebler, who I hope some day to catch up with. He runs fast.

I have a continuing interest. Anything you find can be of interest to me or others.

Thanks a lot.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Weisberg

February 6, 1967


Dear Mr. Weisberg,

This weekend (Feb. 4,5) I talked to a reporter for radio station WFAA in Dallas. The man's name is Pierce Allman. I heard a recording of a radio broadcast that he made from inside the School Book Depository moments after the assassination. He told me that he ran across the street to the building to phone in a report. On the way in he ran into a man and asked him if there was a phone near. The man pointed to a phone. Mr. Allman was interviewed by FBI and Secret Service men who tried to get him to identify the man who showed him the phone as Lee Harvey Oswald. He said that all he could remember was that the man was white. The Secret Service men told him that the man was Oswald, but still he would give them no further description.. (thereby missing a good chance for fame) What is really interesting is that he said to me that they are still trying to get him to identify that man as Oswald. Allman said that "just the other day a man, who was as assistant counsel for the Commission called me from California, and asked me to try to remember the man (in fact identify him as Oswald). " I asked Mr. Allman if the caller was Wesley Liebeler, and he said that it was.

I thought that the Commission people were no longer trying to build their case against Oswald. Evidently, Mr. Liebeler is a little uncomfortable as demonstrated by his inane statements on page 17 of the Feb. 6, issue of Newsweek magazine.

Once again, I am looking forward to reading your new book.

Sincerely,



January 31, 1967

Mr. Harold Weisberg
Hyattstown, Maryland

Dear Mr. Weisberg,

I hope that by now you have received my payment for the copy of WHITEWASH II which you sent me. I am looking forward to receiving my copy of your latest book as soon as it is available. I sent the payment in separate checks so that you would not have to hold the payment for WHITEWASH II until the publication of WHITEWASH III.

Today in the recording library of the University of Texas I found a recording of some of the news broadcasts made at the time of the assassination. One reporter made reference to a suspect described as a "white man wearing a white shirt" and carrying a "lever action rifle." In your books you make reference to several other suspects before the arrest of Oswald stopped any further investigation. Is this the description of one of the early suspects? I can find no other suspect thusly described in the hearings. This may be due to the chaotic arrangement of the testimony. Since I have access to the hearing record only on a limited basis, running down such evidence is doubly frustrating.

Thank you again for your books which have been most illuminating. Interest is just now beginning to get started among the students of the University of Texas. Two other students, both of whom are particularly brilliant have begun to look at the evidence. That makes a community of four. Four is not very many, but maybe we can help direct the attention of others to a constructive evaluation of the evidence.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Dodd,

Thanks for your kind letter of the 28th and the order for III, on which we are a little behind schedule.

There is no reason for the Texas bookstores not to have or know of the Dell reprint. Dell sent out a mailing and all their wholesalers have it and are doing well with it. Possibly the stores prefer not to handle such books, although by now I would think this situation has changed.

When you talk to them, it could be helpful to us if you tell the book sellers that our editions are available from us under normal trade arrangements and from most of the major wholesalers.

If you again talk to the book seller who told you there was no Dell reprint, you might tell him that in its first month, December, it became their sixth best seller.

Quite a number of the University bookstores have ordered from us. In fact, we have now been able to pay the printer for the entire printing bill on the first book, with most of the sales being made through normal commercial channels.

Any promotion you can do will help and will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

January 28, 1967

Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Thank you very much for sending me the copy of WHITEWASH II. Even with final exams I have found time to read the book. I have been showing many of my friends some of your findings from your first book. They are most impressed by how easily the information can be verified from the twenty-six volume collection of testimony. Now there is more than one person around here who has trouble getting to sleep at night!

I have checked with most of the bookstores here in Austin regarding your books and the Dell Reprint of WHITEWASH. Most of them say they do not know of any of the books. At the University Co-op, I was told that there was no such book, even though the University library has a copy of WHITEWASH. I did find one store whose proprietor knew of the first book. He told me that it was a private printing and that his store didn't carry the book. I asked him about the Dell reprint and he said that there was no such reprint. When I told him of your letter he replied that there may be such a reprint but that it wasn't listed in his catalog.

Enclosed you will find a check to cover the cost of the book that you sent me. There is also an order form for WHITEWASH III.

Sincerely,

Ted Dodd

January 12, 1967

Dear Mr. Weisberg,

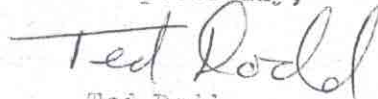
By remarkable coincidence I happened to tune my car radio to a Chicago station about the second week in December. I heard you speak about your book, Whitewash, and I heard your answers to questions telephoned in by listeners. I was greatly impressed by your remarks concerning the report of the Warren Commission, and I immediately set about trying to find a copy of your book. Yesterday the University of Texas Library received their copy from the binder, and I checked it out. Whitewash is not only the most factual, objective and well researched critiques of the Commission's investigation, but it is one of the most exciting books that I have read.

During the course of your radio program you mentioned a second book which you referred to as Whitewash II. Could you tell me how I might purchase a copy of this second book? None of the bookstores or libraries in the Austin area have the volume.

The report of the Commission was for me, then a freshman at the University of Texas, a profound disappointment. It was two years before I found your book, and I sincerely hope that a new investigation of the assassination can be launched before it is too late. The most appalling aspect of the report is the obvious attempt to suppress vital evidence. The ominous implications of this suppression are to me extremely frightening. If you know of any organized effort to reopen the investigation, I would appreciate your letting me know.

Thank you most sincerely.

Respectfully,



Ted Dodd
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Dear Mr. Dodd,

Many thanks for your kind letter. The only way I know you can be certain of getting WHITEWASH II is from me, so I enclose it. The total cost, including mailing, is \$5.00. I am also enclosing a few extra order forms in case you know anyone else who wants any of our books. If you can tell any libraries and bookstores you visit that if it is not available from their wholesalers it is available directly from us at normal trade arrangements, *Thanks*.

This is always the problem with a private printing. The two biggest wholesalers in New York stock it, and we regularly get letters from New York saying it is not available. Even after the New York Times greeted WHITEWASH II with a news story a third of a page long, giving my address, the bookstores do not write us. I regret to say that those who did so well with the first book seem to have forgotten how they got it. Incredible? \$!!

We still have WHITEWASH, if anyone you know is interested, and it is now available in a Dell reprint, which I'd think many of your stores would have. I'd like very much to know if they do not. That edition is doing remarkably well on both coasts, but I've had no report from the middle of the country.

Again, my sincere thanks for the kind things you said.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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