

Dear Mr. Dench,

3/14/96

Because my wife and I are both past 80 and have infirmities we can provide Oswald in New Orleans only in a xerox copy that has a durable binding. It is \$25 in US dollars plus the cost of shipping. To Australia that would be by surface mail, which takes some time. The package will go for two pounds. The last time we shipped to Australia that cost about \$3.00. We ask that payment be in US dollars because we live in the country and if not in US dollars we not only face costs from the rate change but the costs added by the two banks required here for handling it.

I do not know where you can get any of Penn Jones' books.

You do not mention my NEVER AGAIN! The Last Hurrah can provide it, too.

I do not know what they have to add to the cover price, which is \$15.95.

The shipping might come to three pounds. It will be at least two pounds.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg



3 March 1996

Mr Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr Weisberg

I remember quite vividly 0730 the morning of Saturday, 22 November 1963. (Australian EST) when as a fourteen year old boy, I heard about the assassination of John F. Kennedy on the radio.

Even at that age my shock and disbelief was overwhelming. My first thought of course was that it had something to do with the communists i.e. U.S.S.R and that World War 3 was at hand.

Both the electronic and print media soon heralded the fact that a former defector to the U.S.S.R, a man who was a loser in life, a communist, a man with anti social views with a great chip on his shoulder had been apprehended, charged with the crime and by all accounts was as guilty as sin.

This was later confirmed by the Warren Report and as far as I was aware, there the matter rested.

There were, at the time and various times throughout the years bits and pieces of information in the media that disagreed with the above finding and to the effect that all was not as the authorities had been telling the public, but having been brought up in a happy family environment where discipline and respect for elders and for authority had a priority, I was quick to dismiss them as sensationalists.

All that changed about nine years ago when I had some time to spend at an airport, and in the bookshop came across and purchased Anthony Summer's book *The Kennedy Conspiracy*.

Up till then I was not even aware that there were books written on the assassination. (I have always been a bookworm and enjoy reading anything as long as it's nonfiction) Perhaps that gives you some idea of just how the average person here in Australia is isolated from the subject.

Since then, I have collected and read about eighty books on the assassination and intend to continue until I have read everything ever written about it.

I do not class myself as an assassination and/or conspiracy "buff", in fact I like to think that I review all the material with an open mind.

My whole outlook is that we (people world wide) are entitled to know the truth.

I would be happy to accept the Warren Commission finding that Lee Oswald murdered the President, alone, unaided and unknown to anyone else, provided someone would prove it to me beyond reasonable doubt. So far, after nine years, eighty books, eight documentary videos and reading parts of the 26 volumes of the Hearing and Exhibits at the university library, nothing has even come close to it.

Having attended several meetings of a JFK Information Centre here in Melbourne, I am disheartened and disillusioned by some of the nuts and cranks who take an interest in the assassination, some of these people have a different theory about the assassination and the surrounding events every week, depending on which was the last book they read.

It was actually suggested by one person that money be raised to finance the kidnapping of former CIA agent E. Howard Hunt, and that he should be forced to confess his part in the crime.

Little wonder that genuine persons who are interested in finding the truth behind this horrendous crime are quite often not taken seriously.

Because of their unavailability locally, I order most my books from the US, in particular The Last Hurrah Bookshop, and conduct my research alone, having crossreferenced files on my computer on about 600 persons who are in some ways connected with the assassination.

There are researchers for whom I have tremendous respect, among them, Penn Jones, Sylvia Meagher, Anthony Summers, Geaton Fonzi and of course Harold Weisberg. I have your books, *Whitewash*, *Whitewash 2*, *Whitewash 3*, *Whitewash 4*, *Case Open* and *Post Mortem* and have found them to be invaluable for my research as to names, dates and places.

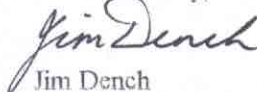
I have for years been trying unsuccessfully to obtain a copy of *Oswald In New Orleans*. If the above mentioned book is still available and/or if you have authored any other book on the topic in question please advise as to the purchase price and mail cost to Australia and I shall send a cheque by return mail.

Also, can you suggest where I might be able obtain the 26 Volumes of the Hearings and Exhibits of the WC. I find it increasingly difficult to study them at the university library. I have been told by a person here in Melbourne that it is available in the U.S. on CD Rom but have not been able to contact anyone in the US who knows anything about it.

Mr Weisberg, I have also in vain been trying to obtain a copy of *Forgive My Grief 2* by Penn Jones, I have on several occasions written to Mr Jones regarding the purchase of the above mentioned book but have not had a reply can you inform me as to where I could obtain a copy.

Thank you for your time. I await your reply.

Yours faithfully,



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