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Mister Harold Weisberg.

Dear Sir,

I am François Carlier, the Frenchman who had written to you and sent a chart/form to fill out. Well, I hereby wish to thank you very much for having answered my chart/form. That was kind of you to send it back to me so quickly. I have read it with great interest!

Now I would like to go back to the copy of an article to Mrs Debra Conway that I have recently sent you. I would like to explain my position and the circumstances which made me write it, in order to avoid any misunderstandings. My aim was to give my point of view, something like the opinion of someone who is an onlooker, someone outside the USA, outside the "research community", who has been there, has met the people, has seen them working, and gives his feedback because he thinks that can be of some help. At the beginning of my article, I say I was disappointed after reading "Case open". Let me explain why. I had read "Case closed". In this book, Gerald Posner attacks people like Lifton, Marrs, Wecht, Groden. He debunks lots of claims that I was familiar with and which had been defended by most critics. Lots of time in his book he says - I should say "he shows" - that critics are wrong on several points. He gives details. He gives evidence. I was impressed. Therefore I had expected a book called "Case open" to answer Posner on <u>all</u> the points he raises but you don't do that; you don't defend Jim Marrs, you don't defend Robert Groden, you don't defend David Lifton, etc. So I was disappointed. Because then who will defend those theories in which I had believed for so long? Does that mean that they were not true after all? You see now why I said I was disapointed? It is because I didn't

find in your book the answers to all the problems I had. Your not answering the points raised by Posner concerning authors such as Lifton and Marrs meant that Posner was right in criticising them. That was new to me, because at that time I was not aware that you didn't agree with Lifton or Marrs. At that time I was naive enough to think that all critics to the official version were more or less together. I now know better! I do hope you were not upset by my article. Please remember that I wrote it as an outsider. In any case, I want you to know that I am much obliged to you. I have come to know you better because I own and have watched several times some videos or documentaries on the Kennedy assassination in which you appear (especially "*Reasonable doubt*"). In them you give your point of view and arguments at length. I also own two books by you ("*Case open* " and "*Never again*"), which of course I have read. You are an intelligent, hard-working and honest person, and that's a lot! On top of that, you never hesitate to call a spade a spade, and you have my admiration for that. I have read your letter and advice with great attention. I now understand what you are saying about foolish theories and the organizers of JFK-Lancer, but you can't blame me for not having known that beforehand, can you? In any case, I will make sure to take your advice. I don't want my book to be full of mistakes or to be misleading. I will write it with great care and talk only about things about which I am certain.

All the best. Looking forward to hearing from you. Take good care.

Sincerely Yours,

François Carlier