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Dear Mr. Falvo,

I wish there were more of your generation like you. There are a number, who I have met throughout the country as I travel and speak, but still that there were more. It is the essence of good and responsible citizenship that we familiarize ourselves with the essence of the key issues of the day and our national life.

You have a valid point in saying there is too much detail in my books. It is valid, however, only if you believe my chief object was commercial, which it is not (and it is commercially acceptable because the first has been reprinted and I have an offer, though it is not acceptable, for the second).

Because I conclude that the expected job has not been done and must be, entirely in public and preferably by Congress, I feel I had to overwhelmingly prove that the evidence is contrary to the Commission's conclusions. This required the smassing of much detail.

For those who like you have a sincere and deep interest, the difficulty of reading a book of detailed evidence and of thinking for themselves is no insurmountable objection. The result is a more persuasive and convincing book, if one that perhaps is less popular.

My mail disagrees with your conclusion that detail benefits only those who are already familiar with the assassination story, and it is this that convinces me I was right to include this great detail. It is exactly the thing the people want, proof, not argument.

Those other efforts you suggest I make I have been making for three years. There is great compulsion on the part of the movies and networks to ignore the subject. There is a chance of a record. And I have made perhaps a hundred radio and TV appearances, sides from speeches.

Much obliged for your kind comments and thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

A few weeks ago, I finished reading your first book, Whitewash, and now I am seventy-one pages into Whitewash II. Having read the entire Warren Report, nine books on the assassination (viz. The Oswald Affair, Inquest, Who Killed Kennedy?, The Second Oswald, Portrait of the Assassin, Rush to Judgement, Oswald: Assassin or Fall Guy?, and two books of testimony), and your two books, I am convinced that you have exceptional insight and an uncommon knack for detail. In short, Mr. Weisberg, your books are the ones to read if proof is wanted that the Report was indeed a "whitewash". You, Mr. Weisberg, are an exceptional man! You epitomize the image of the ideal American--unafraid to seek the truth, courageous, even to the point of mental and physical exhaustion (as I am sure you feel) in search of the truth! America needs more Weisberg-hearted men.

I am very interested in this Kennedy assassination. I can just imagine the voluminous facts that have been suppressed that even your uncanny perception has missed. I, myself, am amazed at the work you have done. I am nineteen years old and I am trying to become a professional baseball player. Right now that is taking up all of my time--time which I might be using for the investigation of this crime. If I should ever get the chance (it will be some years hence) I would be interested in seeing the establishment of a collective organization of men from diverse fields, who would conduct their own investigation, I being included to represent the field of sports. Such a diverse group of people would have great peripheral perception. Perhaps such an organization will never be needed if your investigation opens the doors you want open. This is my gesture of saying that I am behind you and your work.

As the good American that I hope I am, I feel obliged to criticize your two books. As I said, I feel that they are the two best to be read, provided one is familiar with the assassination. I am more familiar with the events that have been reported from November 22-24 than John Q. Public is. Herein lies the fault of your two books: they are too detailed for the average person to understand; you desperately need the understanding of the average person if you want your investigation to be a success. Mind you, no verbosity or unclear generalizations exist; there is simply too much seemingly trivial detail. Do not misunderstand me because detail is what we need and want for proof, but the public cannot swallow and digest so much evidence. Your two books have, in my opinion, benefitted only those who are very familiar with the assassination. The general public is not comprehending books about the assassination. Why? Because all of the recent books, including yours, have been too detailed and hard to follow for the average person. So, Mr. Weisberg, please take this suggestion seriously: try to get a movie, TV, or record producer to do documentaries on the assassination, using your books as guides. That way, the detail will be much easier to understand. Try to use all forms of communication (other than writing) to convey your ideas to the public. More than a handful of Americans must comprehend the enormity of this crime. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
James M. Fabio