

April 14, 1969

Dear General Gavin,

Since writing you and sending you copies of the manuscripts of COUP D'ETAT and POST MORTEM: SUPPRESSED KENNEDY AUTOPSY, I have continued my investigations and writing. I have also copyrighted limited editions of these two books and the enclosed, POST MORTEM III: SECRETS OF THE KENNEDY AUTOPSY.

If and when it become possible to print these books, there will be substantial additions, some of which are already prepared. I have not yet written the second part of my three-part work on the autopsy, but it is researched. I do wish you could take the time to see some of my documentation.

The additions to the enclosed book will include the admission, under oath, of the Army doctor who participated in the autopsy that it was under such military control they could not make an independent examination. This is forecast in POST MORTEM, which I disclosed that all non-military personnel save the federal agents were put out and kept out of the autopsy room. He gave the name of the Navy admiral and a general description of the Army officer who did this. Among the things prevented was the tracing of the so-called non-fatal injury. You will see in the enclosed that about this there was perjury and likely its subornation. With a President's autopsy!

In a way, what I have still to add to COUP D'ETAT (and I have made other additions since you read it) is even more frightening. May I again remind you that I write you in confidence? This includes the statement to me of a Tennessee judge (of the right court) that I may not use publicly, that there was no chance at all that Ray would have been sentenced to death, of his doubt that anyone ever again will be in Tennessee, and the statement to me of the prosecutor (before any effort was made for a new trial and when was considered impossible), that none of the "evidence" would ever be seen. I certainly was denied access. The reason is this: it does not incriminate but exculpates Ray. It is grossly misrepresented in the hearsay presented in court. I have examined that transcript. And now Ray's lawyer is the awful J.B. Stoner of the National States Rights Party. I am confident you will remember them from what I have of them in the book, four plots to kill Kennedy and at least one amounting to a blueprint for killing King, among other things.

When you have finished with this, I'd appreciate it if you could return it by insured fourth-class mail.

It is not my purpose to embarrass you, but again I ask you to consider the state of our country and its institutions when such things can happen, such books cannot achieve commercial publication, and there are no people of means or influence who will do anything about the fact or in any way help bring it to light. It is an intolerable burden I bear. I wish there were those of influence to share a little of it, no matter how little.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg