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Dear Elmer,

Here is PHOTOGRAPHIC WHITEWASH. I'd appreciate hearing from you after you read it. I have several more similar books in various stages of completion. Between this and the responsibilities of a reluctant publisher I have little time.

When your Ruby book is done I'll be glad to help in any way I can.

My own basic belief is that Rubyx could not have killed Oswald unless the police wanted it to happen and that in this case, they did everything they dared (perhaps more than any other police department would have dared) to facilitate it. Some of my more recent work bears slightly on this.

Perhaps some day I'll be in Chicago again and we can chat. Dell has done none of the things normal in book advertising and promotion and I still cannot afford to pay travel expenses, so I get around less.

If I may make a suggestion I intend as constructive, while it is fresh in your mind make the most detailed notes possible on your relations with Larry Schiller, what he did and said, etc. I have a very low opinion of him and I believe he is capable of almost anything.

Because you are a lawyer and because you have a kind of specialized knowledge of the case, I do hope that in your book you will find it possible to analyze and comment on the failings of law and lawyers. I think in the ultimate unprejudiced and current understanding, this would be helpful (I am assuming you agree with me, as perhaps you do not). Had the press, the lawyers, then the intellectuals not abdicated, the terrible things that followed the tragedy could not have.

On the other hand, if you do not make the most thorough personal examination of the performances of the Commission's lawyers, I encourage you to avoid personal comment based on the past, on their records and reputations. You here have specific questions that you can assess. With this kind of situation, unless you do, you may end up regretting it.

I do think a book on the Ruby case not duplicating the Kaplan book can be valuable. I think if they are satisfied you are not going to whitewash, my fellow "critics" will share their knowledge and beliefs with you.

Thanks for the law-review article.

We have begun to maintain a list of those who want what we publish when we publish it. Would you like to be added. We still have distribution problems, and the mechanics of publishing are formidable when there are only two of us and our main interest is writing.

Thanks for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Harold Weisberg  
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Dear Harold:

According to Publishers' Weekly, you have just published another book, entitled Photographic Whitewash: Suppressed Kennedy Assassination Pictures. I would like very much to obtain a copy of it as quickly as possible and am sending you herewith my check for \$4.95.

I intend to write a book on the Ruby case and will welcome suggestions from you.

I am sending herewith a law review article that I wrote on certain aspects of the case. This is not the style of the book.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely yours,

  
ELMER GERTZ

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