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Dear Gerry,

It is, of course, quite gratifying that so many of your students got so much from NEVER AGAIN! And it was not an easy test, either.

I hope that what they got from it is a bit more than information about the assassination.

Mostly I do not read the nutty assassination books like the one you mention, Tannenbaum's, but I decided to read Walt Brown's Treachery in Dallas. There was no copy in any local store. I phoned Carroll & Graf and asked them to send it, carelessly using the word "mail." when I really intended asking them to send it by UPS. So, it is not here and we are about to be iced in. Although the roads are not icy the ice hangs already from the utility wires. That is a concern because without electricity we have neither heat nor water other than the two gallons of spring water I bought for any emergency. Fact is in going out for the mail I saw a number of new branches down and there was one across the lane. With the help of my cane I was able to get it off so I could get the mail but being feeble and with strict limitations on what I may safely try it does make me a bit uncomfortable.

I did get a xerox of Livingstone's chapter on the alleged faking of the Zapruder film. It is pathetic, ignorant, stupid and nonsensical.

It is good that you'll be able to be with the families for the holidays.

I suppose that Dennis has been deep in finals. I've not heard that he got the for now remainder of Inside that I copied and sent him. And as you'll know if this reaches you before you leave, I've also sent him the Deck disks. I've no idea why I forgot to mail it this morning knowing that we are to be iced in.

On your hope for a mild winter for us, which ^{we} also hope for so much, I told Bill with the first storm that what I remember from when we farmed, and farmers had to pay attention to nature and its signals, this kind of weather hereabout^s has a history of repeating itself in roughly five day cycles.

Despite which I never missed my deliveries.

We hope you all have a fine holiday.

Best,

Dennis phoned,
He'd been tied up with finals, etc.
He got both packages and they are both OK

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Dear Harold,

Today is the last day of final exams and I am still in the thick of grading them. The last two weeks have been hectic as usual. I thought I would write and let you know how Never Again! was received by students in my two Social Problems sections. Enclosed is a copy of the guide questions I wrote up and distributed to the class about five weeks ago. I have already sent copies to Dennis and Jerry in case they also want to use them. As you might imagine, they were a bit overwhelmed at first. Each student was required to turn in written answers to all 116 questions, which I graded. Many struggled and several were not up to the task. But I got several sets of answers which were excellent. Although I had trouble drawing them out in class, it was obvious that several had read the book carefully and were able to untangle even the most byzantine stories, such as what Dr. Humes did or did not do with those autopsy notes. And judging from their final exams, I would say students got as much out of Never Again! as out of any book I have used over the years.

Thanks for sending the Dec. 7th Wash. Post piece on Russell Means and the review of another JFK assassination novel, Corruption of Blood by Tannenbaum. It appears Mr. Tannenbaum's book rivals Marita Lorenz in plot twists, only Marita's is "documented". Being a House Assassin, I was not surprised he threw in that second, unconnected, conspiracy assassin squad on the grassy knoll who missed.

We are planning a trip to Milwaukee for Christmas. This will be the first Christmas trip we have made up there in about 5 years. Milwaukee has already gotten several inches of snow, and it has been cold, so it looks good for a white Christmas. Just as long as it does not snow too much on our trip.

Regarding the Trooper's jacket you got from Jimmy Ray, I believe Dennis might have some more use for it up in N.H.. When I was going to school at Stevens Point I bought an Air Force jacket good for temperatures down to 75 below. I hardly used it when I went to N.H. for graduate school and down here it has had no use. It was actually too warm for temperatures above 15. But I would not mind having the jacket as a memento, if Dennis does not want it.

Hope you and Lillian are doing ok and this winter is a mild one, despite the rough weather you have had already. I am hoping we may be able to come up on a nice weekend sometime during the next few months. Take care.

Best,



Guide Questions to Never Again!
by Harold Weisberg

I. Abbreviations which may appear in some of the questions:

AMA -- American Medical Association
JAMA - Journal of the American Medical Association
HSCA - House Select Committee on Assassinations
HW -- Harold Weisberg
WC -- Warren Commission
WR -- Warren Report

II. Answer each of the questions as completely as you can, keeping in mind that the length of the answers will vary from a few words or names to a couple paragraphs. Also note that the page numbers on which the answer will be found appear in parentheses at the end of each question.

1. What conspiracy does HW offer proof of in this book? (vii-x)
2. And who are the principal figures singled out as being involved in this conspiracy? (vii-x)
3. In general, how does HW characterize the other conspiracy theories, and how does his work differ from these other conspiracy theorists? (xi-xii)
4. In what sense is HW indebted to JAMA and its editor, Dr. George Lundberg? (xix-xx)
5. How does HW defend his use of the word "lie" in this book? (xxvii-xxviii)
6. What standard of good journalism does HW cite, and in what respects did JAMA fail to adhere to this standard? (xxxii-xxxiii)
7. Who has contributed significantly to confusion and misrepresentation about withheld JFK assassination records? (xxxii)
9. What percent of the WC records are available to the public (and have been for quite some time)? (xxxiii)
10. How does HW separate himself from other "critics" or conspiracy theorists with whom he is often lumped by the defenders of the official story? (xxxvi-xxxviii)
11. Describe the WC's "solution" to the crime, which HW argues is really only a theory. (3)
12. Identify any 3 items of what HW calls the "official dirty linen" of the JFK assassination (which Lundberg and JAMA should have done). (6-13)

13. HW opens Chapter 2 by observing that from his examination of thousands of pages of FBI records: "...in political cases (and the FBI's definition of "political" is quite broad) the name of the FBI's game is control." What does he mean by this? Give 2 illustrations of how the FBI exercised control. (15-26)
14. What is the significance of the Dallas Field Office lead sheet on Jimmy George Robinson as a possible suspect in the assassination of JFK? (27-28)
15. What is the significance of the FBI memo which indicated their disinterest in photographs taken at the time of the assassination by Charles Bronson? (29)
16. Was the FBI interested in obtaining the autopsy photographs and X-rays of the President's body, or the autopsy report itself for their five-volume report completed on Dec. 9, 1963? (32)
17. What does HW find so reprehensible about how the FBI responded to criticism of its handling of the JFK autopsy materials? (32-33)
18. Identify and briefly discuss the significance of any 2 items brought out from an FBI document HW obtained, which he regards as a "damage-control tickler". (36-37)
19. How does the evidence presented in Chapter 3 reflect on Lundberg's responsibility as editor of JAMA in publishing his interview with Drs. Humes and Boswell? (39)
20. What was unusual about the press conference Lundberg and JAMA put on in New York on May 19th, a week before publication of the article? (41-42)
21. How was that JAMA press conference similar to the release of the WR? (46)
22. What blatant oversight (or perhaps, lie) did Lundberg get away with by suggesting this interview represented the first time in 28 years that Humes or Boswell had spoken about the autopsy? (51-52)
23. How does HW address Boswell's claim that his depiction of the wound to the President's back was not meant to be exact, that it was just a worksheet sketch made in haste? (58-59)
24. Give an example of a public statement which Boswell, Humes, and Finck made which contradicts Lundberg's claim that this was the first time they had spoken about the autopsy in 28 years. (one example for each doctor) (61-62)
25. What is the significance of the Dept. of Justice Panel of forensic experts report which HW published in Post Mortem, and which Lundberg also ignored? (62)
26. Of all the deficiencies and inaccuracies of the autopsy report, none besmirches the nation more than what "monstrous lie"? (63)
27. Did the WC have access to the autopsy photos and X-rays? (64-65)

28. Was JAMA truthful in saying the four Dallas doctors they interviewed were also breaking their 28-year silence with this interview? (68-69)
29. What effort did the media make to correct this obvious error regarding JAMA's claim that all these doctors were speaking out for the first time? (69-70)
30. On what basis does HW argue that it was just plain false for Lundberg to describe the Mannlicher-Carcano rifle (the alleged assassination weapon) as a "high-velocity" weapon? (72)
31. To evaluate Breo's contribution to the JAMA article, HW suggests we consider what he wrote about two controversial matters: (1) what happened to JFK's brain, and (2) the forensic qualifications of Humes and Boswell. What did Breo say about these matters and how or why is it wrong? (74-76)
32. How did the FBI try to discredit HW and his book, *Whitewash*, which had exposed Humes' destruction of the first draft of the autopsy report? (79-80)
33. What is Humes' explanation of the destruction of his autopsy notes and how does HW challenge it? (83-84)
34. In general, how does Humes' JAMA interview compare with his original WC testimony and other official evidence? Give an example. (88)
35. Regarding Humes' destruction of autopsy materials, what did Boswell reveal in an interview (Nov. 24, 1966), and which HW says is supported by a number of receipts he has? (90-91)
36. How is Arlen Specter implicated in this whole story of Humes' destruction of autopsy materials? (93-95)
37. What did HW find in the WC's JFK autopsy file (i.e., its JFK, 4-1 file)? What does this reveal about the title of Chapter 10? (99-100)
38. How does HW challenge Humes' statement in the JAMA article that: "Admiral Burkley gave me a receipt for the autopsy materials, including the brain."? (104)
39. Briefly describe the mystery that surrounds Humes' autopsy notes. Regarding those notes, what did Humes testify to during the HSCA hearings and why does this raise the real possibility of perjury? (104-109)
40. Why did the Justice Dept. have a panel of experts secretly evaluate and report on the JFK autopsy? (111-112)
41. What did this Justice Dept. Panel conclude? But what did it actually find according to HW who published its report? (112)
42. Give 3 reasons why Admiral George B. Burkley, the President's personal physician, should have been called to testify before the WC. (114-118)
43. What is the significance or meaning of the title of Chapter 13? (133)

44. What is the significance of the work Howard Roffman did in comparing the autopsy report and the notes on which it was supposedly based? (138)
45. Identify any 3 of the factual changes made to the autopsy report after Oswald was killed. (140-142)
46. What observations does HW make in his conclusion to Chapter 13 which support the notion that there was a military conspiracy in the investigation of JFK's assassination? (148-149)
47. What aspect of Oliver Stone's portrayal of the autopsy (in "JFK") did both Humes and Boswell repeatedly challenge in their interview for JAMA? (151-152)
48. How does Colonel Finck, who was also part of the autopsy team, undermine Humes and Boswell's denial that higher military officials were really in charge? (154-155)
49. What excuse does Humes offer for not dissecting the bullet wound in the President's neck? And how does HW challenge this explanation? (158-159)
50. What significant fact about JFK's neck wound did the Dept. of Justice panel confirm, which also contradicts the WR? (161-162)
51. In his JAMA interview how does Humes fundamentally contradict his original WC testimony on CE399 and the single-bullet theory? (163)
52. When did the autopsy revisions begin? (165)
53. What did Dr. Perry observe about the President's throat wound, and how was his observation confirmed by the measurements made of the throat wound in comparison to the back wound? (175-177)
54. Humes and Boswell claimed in their JAMA interview that they X-rayed the President's entire body. What contradicts this and why is this significant? (177)
55. List any two changes made in Humes' autopsy report and note their significance. (182)
56. Who did the real work of the WC and describe how they did their job? (187)
57. Briefly identify and discuss one example of a witness who was abused by the asst. counsels for the WC. (188-190)
58. Identify any 3 problems with Arlen Specter's attempt to establish that CE399 (the "magic bullet") came from Gov. Connally's stretcher. (192-193)
59. What charade did Mr. Specter go through in his questioning of Dr. Perry? (194-195)
60. How many doctors and nurses at Parkland Hospital testified that they believed the anterior neck wound was one of entrance? (198)

61. What is significant about the size of the wound in Connally's thigh (a question which Specter ignored in deposing Connally's surgeons)? (204)
62. What piece of evidence was tampered with and how did Michael Baden of the HSCA forensic panel react to being informed of this? (210-212)
63. In an effort to explain why the bullet hole in the President's suit jacket was so low, Dr. Boswell said, "We were not aware that the President's suit jacket had humped up on his back." What is wrong with this explanation? (213-215)
64. What is the gist of Michael Baden's book, Unnatural Death: Confessions of a Medical Examiner (1989)? And why is it hypocritical? (217-219)
65. Who were the dissenting members of the WC? (221-222)
66. What did HW discover about Richard Russell's dissent from the single-bullet theory? How did Mr. Russell react when HW presented proof of how his dissent was handled by the WC? (222-223)
67. How did HW obtain the FBI picture of the President's shirt collar, which by itself disproves the single-bullet theory? (230)
68. Who is Dr. Joseph Dolce? How was he handled by Specter and the WC? (231-232)
69. Regarding the penetrating power of the ammunition allegedly used in the assassination, what tests did Specter rely on and why was this flawed? (233)
70. Identify any two things which Arlen Specter knew which invalidate his single-bullet theory. (238-250)
71. What does HW suggest was the real purpose of the FBI report on the assassination President Johnson ordered it to make? How does HW characterize its contents? (251)
72. Who was responsible for leaking the conclusion of that FBI report to the press? (252)
73. Who on the WC was an informant for the FBI? Give an example of how this informant carried out this role? (253-255)
74. Briefly describe two examples of how federal judges handled FOIA cases HW brought against the FBI. (257-259)
75. What two significant admissions did HW obtain from FBI Special Agent Robert Frazier, despite his arrogance and nonresponsiveness? (~~258~~) (259)
76. What was wrong with Lundberg's attempt to defend the earlier JAMA article by publishing an interview Dr. Humes had given to Dan Rather on a 1967 CBS Special on the WC? (264-265)
77. Give any two examples of how Lundberg continued to "flaunt his ignorance," as HW observed in commenting on this follow-up article. (267-268)

78. How did Dr. Finck manage to indict his colleagues (Humes and Boswell) in his interview for JAMA? (273-274)
79. What does HW suggest was the most apparent reason for the secret hearing that was held with Dr. Finck and the other prosecutors after they had already testified before the WC? (278)
80. What was the solid piece of evidence for a military conspiracy which Jim Garrison did not make up? (285-286)
81. According to the interview Chip Selby conducted with Dr. Joseph Dolce, why was he asked to participate in an April 21, 1964 WC conference which focused on the question of the sequence of the shots in the assassination? (293-294)
82. And what was Dr. Dolce's opinion or assessment of that conference? (298)
83. How does the testimony of Ronald Simmons also destroy the official solution? (301-302)
84. As HW concludes this chapter, how does he show that what Dr. Dolce revealed in his interview clearly points to a military conspiracy? (305)
85. What, specifically, did Dr. Finck testify to under oath in New Orleans? How does this contradict the version Humes gave in JAMA? (310-311)
86. What is the major implication of Lundberg's admission on the MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour of May 20, 1992 that there may have been another shot? (323)
87. What did Jim Lehrer know that should have led to critical questioning of Lundberg's statement? (324)
88. Give an example of how the WC and the FBI ignored or downplayed the missed shot that slightly wounded Jim Tague. (328-330)
89. What is the FBI and Secret Service's position on the missed shot involving Jim Tague? (341-342)
90. How does HW underscore the failure of the media in concluding this chapter on Lundberg's admission that there could have been more shots? (345)
91. What does Sanford Ungar's book, FBI, reveal about the training of FBI lab agents? (347-348)
92. How does HW characterize FBI lab agents Gallagher, Frazier, Shaneyfelt, and Kilty, who he questioned in the context of one of his FOIA suits? (348-349)
93. How, in particular, did HW confront FBI photographic expert, Shaneyfelt? And what was Shaneyfelt's response? (352-353)
94. Which FBI agent represented the extreme opposite of these others, and in what way? (358-359)

95. What was David Belin's "Rosetta Stone" of the JFK assassination, and what is one major problem with Belin's claim? (365)
96. What does HW suggest is an alternative "Rosetta Stone", and why? (365-366)
97. How did the FBI initially handle Tague? How long was it before the WC had any real interest in Tague? (370-371)
98. What did the spectrographic analysis of the curbsto~~n~~e reveal? And why was this all a charade, according to HW? (376-377)
99. In what sense does HW use the term "conspiracy" in connection with how the WC and FBI handled the Tague incident? (381-~~382~~)
100. How did the FBI handle Eugene Aldredg~~e~~'s report of another missed shot? (384-5)
101. What did Dallas motorcycle policeman Jim Chaney (who the FBI and WC avoided) see and why is it significant? (394-395)
102. What was revealed in a 1975 Dallas FBI memo regarding the eighteen policemen who had made up the Presidential escort on Nov. 22, 1963? (399)
103. What does HW stress about the FBI records he refers to in Chap. 32? (405)
104. How does HW respond to the defenders and apologists of the WR, such as Gerald Ford, who demand to see the "new evidence" that overturns it? (410)
105. What "new evidence" does HW reveal in Never Again!? (411)
106. How was the WC able to get away with misrepresenting its own evidence? (411-2)
107. What kinds of books on the assassination have publishers favored? (416)
108. What does HW quote from former Supreme Court Justice, Louis Brandeis, and how does it relate to this book? (421)
109. What does HW argue in response to the question of whether a new Congressional investigation could get to the bottom of this? (430)
110. To whom does the task of getting to the bottom of this issue fall, if not publishers, Congress, or the media? (430)
111. What was so revealing about Lundberg's prepared statement to the Midwest Conference on Assassinations in Chicago, April 3, 1993? (441-442)
112. Why did HW decide not to include works of conspiracy theorists (such as Lifton and Livingstone) in his bibliography? (454-455)
113. What are the five major sources of Never Again!? (455)
114. Identify any two points in radiologist, Dr. John Ebersole's, testimony before the medical panel of the HSCA which contradict both the conclusions of the WC and the HSCA. (474-478)
115. What do these suppressed records also reveal about the nature of the bullet that caused JFK's head wound? (483-485)
116. Which FBI agents were not called to testify before either the WC or the HSCA and why? (486)