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Dear Mr. Heyn,

Thanks for your note. I recall but indistinctly something like what you report. I shall keep your letter for future reference, because I hope the entire subject will get opened up now.

When you read "HITELASH", you will note it is restricted entirely to the official evidence. That incident was not included.

We never know whether such reports have substance. Only ultimate checking out can reveal it. The inaccurate report might in itself, in the proper context, have its own kind of significance.

Thanks for taking the time.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

September 4, 1966

Mr. Harold Weisberg  
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Dear Mr. Weisberg;

I am prompted to write after having read the write-up about you and your book in the Baltimore Sun of 9/1/66.

I haven't read your book as yet, so I do not know if the following area was included in it. If it was not, it may be of interest to you.

About a day or two after the assassination I was driving in my car from my home in N.W. Baltimore to downtown. I was tuned to the news on the car radio and heard a report, the gist of which was that shortly after the assassination it was discovered that twenty planes on a base in the southwest had been found to have been sabotaged and that an investigation into the matter was underway.

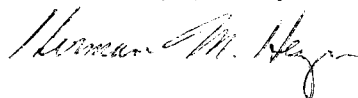
I am very sorry that I can't tell you exactly what I heard; I did not make notes at the time. I am sure the report was aired by CBS News, on a regular hourly newscast. I am sure it was an afternoon report, probably around 3:00 o'clock. I think the name of the newscaster was Allen Jackson. The figure of twenty planes is somewhat of a guess on my part, now. But a figure was given, and it was in the range of twenty planes. As I recall, the planes were discovered on the afternoon of the assassination but, according to the news report, the information had turned up some time later. I believe I'm correct in saying that the incident was said to have happened at an U.S. Air Force base in Arizona. I am certain the term "sabotage" was used to describe the situation.

During the course of the Warren Commission investigation I wrote to Chief Justice Warren and passed on to him what I remembered at that time, but I never received any kind of reply from him or an acknowledgement that he had received my letter. I recall that I also tried to check out the sabotage incident in the N.Y. Times Index but did not find any mention of it there.

Insum, of course I can't say that the CBS report had any substance to it or that if it did it can be related to the assassination itself, but that is for you to work out. But, I do know that the report was aired and that the gist of it is as I've just related it to you.

Hoping you might find this of some interest, I remain,

Very truly yours,



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