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Dear Mr. Hughes,

What you say in your 6/23, that there was not case to take to court, was one of my earliest impressions, before I decided to write about the JFK assassination. Because of what you say I call your attention to a coming book by a former FBI agent. He uses, as I understand it, only what the Commission published to find Oswald innocent. It is to be published by Carroll & Graf in September, with review copies available next month.

After all these years I have no recollection of where to search in my files for the receipt for "a missile." If you want a copy made from the original, as mine was (and I probably used that copy in the book), I got it at the National Archives. Xerox that page of the book in making the request and enclose it with your request. Tell them also that you have heard that the original was misfiled as part of what was sent to the Printing Office, which it was not. I think, but I'm not now sure, that is where I found it. If not there suggest that they search Admiral Burkley's papers, what was given to him by the Navy hospital, the receipts he signed, etc.

I also caution you against reading too much into the use of the word "missile." To the FBI, for example, that can mean anything that moves. It does not necessarily have to refer to a bullet. As I recall, those receipts were typed up by corpemen some of whom were not all that educated or sophisticated. It may actually refer to a fragment. We just do not know.

You can, of course, xerox that page of the book, cut off everything except that receipt, and then xerox that again if you want to avoid mention of the book.

Sincerely,


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Dear Mr. Weisberg;

As I told you in one of my letters , I have been reading everything I can get my hands on recently in regards to the Assassination. I finished all of your "Whitewash" series including "PhotoWhitewash" and 2 weeks ago, I got started in Post Mortum and have been entrenched.

Having talked with you on the phone a couple of times has inspired me to look into the Warren Commission series called "the hearings". This was actually the first time I got into it with "intent". My intent this time was to read it with a background from the "Whitewash" perspective. What a difference. The most I can say from an investigators point of view is, I am sure glad that I never had to go into court to testify with anything from the Warren Hearings. Actually, from an investigators point of view, I am sure that what the hearings did, could never have gotten into court.

As you are aware, I challenged (in my limited way) the JAMA article and yesterday, I turned "postmortum" to page 265 and almost jumped out of my seat. sometime ago I read in "Best Evidence" a statement made, by then Captain Osborne, about a "Missile" found at the autopsy and have read several references to it since then in several other books, it has floated in my mind when reading other documents and books. Page 265, 266, 267 of "postmortum" was the final nail that I think that I have been looking for for my own "something" to hang onto and research.

This seems to me to be an issue that I would like to pick up and move somewhere with. I am not too sure what I am going to do with it right now but would like to know if you could send me a single page copy of the document you have produced on page 266 of "Post Mortum". The receipt for the "Missile"?

I would like to assure you, I am not looking for notoriety from this issue or any other issue that I am dealing with. The Fact of the matter is, I am not that knowledgeable about the subject, but, from what I have discovered in the whitewash series, I wish I had the where-with-all to tell everyone.

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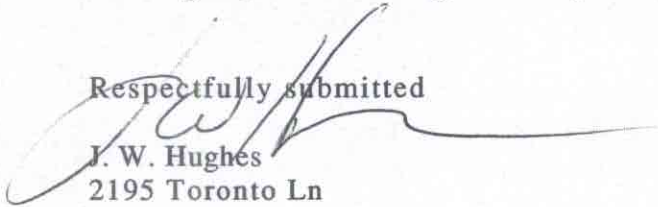
I have been, as you know, involved in Law Enforcement for more than half of my life and when something this obvious comes along, its hard for me to look the other way.

As you know from our last phone conversation, I have spoken to two investigative reporters, one from KTVU television and one from KGO radio stations here in the Bay Area and have mentioned this "missile". Each of them have said "What!!, you mean there was a "missile" found the night of the Autopsy and it never came before the Warren Hearings???? Naaahhhh!!! that cannot be true. What proof do you have? Then, I asked each of them if they felt that the Warren Hearings and Report reported on EVERYTHING it should have? I think you can imagine what their answer was.

If therer is a charge for the copy of the document, I will be glad to send you what ever the cost is to be. Just let me know.

Once again, Mr. Weisberg, I am in your debt. Thank you so very much.

Respectfully submitted



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