

October 7, 1982

Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Please find enclosed a check for \$18.55 in payment for one copy each of WHITEWASH IV and POST MORTEM and \$.50 insurance.

I again congratulate you on your perserverance in the pursuit of the truth in the Kennedy assassination case. The more I read on the subject, the more despair I feel. It seems so difficult to make any firm, concrete decisions about what really happened. The supression of evidence at times seems overwhelming.

I agree completely with your adherence to facts and avoidance of even the least speculative of theories concerning the assassination. Nothing can be gained by composing fiction and fantasy out of incomplete evidence.

If there is anything I can do to help in any investigations you are currently conducting, please let me know. Los Angeles is a big place and far from Maryland. As far as I know, Wesley Liebeler is still associated with the School of Law at UCLA, although talking to him at this stage of the game would probably be a waste of time.

Per your suggestion, I contacted Penn Jones, Jr. regarding a set of the 26 volumes supplementary to the Warren Report. He sent me several copies of his newsletter. Unfortunately, they seemed to be made up mostly of wild goose chases and idle speculations. I received no answer concerning the 26 volumes. The Cal State Northridge University library near where I live, however, has a complete set and I intend to make use of it whenever I can.

During our first and only phone conversation, I believe I told you that I was interested in writing a fictional screenplay which would involve the Kennedy assassination in some way. After reading the material I have so far, any fictional writing about this subject doesn't seem possible. I'm not sure what I will do at this point, but whatever writing is involved will have to be nonfictional and straightforward. There just doesn't seem to be any other way of treating the assassination. I wish you continued good luck.

Brian Hayes

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Dear Brian Hayes,

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The books herewith.

If I was able to help your thinking in any way, I'm glad.

I would not go so far as to agree that "any fictional writing about this subject doesn't seem possible." Depends on your plot. For example, the assassination can be incidental to something else. Remember, assassination is always a political crime and always has political consequences. LBJ made major changes in JFK's policies, although it is little recognized. Dominican Republic and recognizing military distatorships is one. Vietnam another.

And while it is not possible to make any firm conclusions about what really happened in terms of who did it, it is not at all impossible to reach firm conclusions about what did not happen. For example, there never was any real investigation of the crime itself.

Penn's newsletter is pretty wild because he is. Remind him that you asked about the ~~ME~~ 26.

I sometimes find the news stories he reprints informative.

Best wishes,