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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

I received your letter last Friday, and I was actually surprised at your quick response. Realizing that you were working on WHITEWASH III, I did not expect an answer for a while. I'm glad to hear that you're still going ahead with the work on WHITEWASH III; by the way, are you going to include any material on Garrison in it? We are saving all the articles on him, and plan to do a lot of extra work on our paper about him and his findings. The Friday "Times" had something about the foreign concern and I believe that they are beginning to pay attention to this whole matter!

I have read both Chapter "11" of "I", and Chapter 7 of "11" and have just re-read them; your ideas and feelings are, to say the least, well founded! I think Mr. Garrison must have read them very closely also.

Glad to hear that you made out all right on your trip up here, and am also amazed that you got back on schedule.

About the Archives, I'm so glad that you warned me about the paper approval, as I did not know that one needed them. It was terribly nice of you to suggest meeting me here and, of course, you would have to let me know when you could make it. I will be completely free from March 16 to March 30, and from May 8 to May 28. In between those dates, I would have to notify you as to when I could meet you.

Again, thank you for taking time out to write me; it is very considerate of you, taking into account all that you have to do, and what you want to do. I would like to meet you and discuss a few things with you. So far, no response has been as rewarding as that with you; interest has been sparked up here. (Note enclosed school weekly.) Ron Klare is in the project, and he is helping with a lot of research on THE COMMISSION.

I hope to see you in Washington sometime.
The best of LUCK on WHITEWASH III!

Very Sincerely
William W. Rawson

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March 9, 1967

Mr. William W. Jeanes, Jr.
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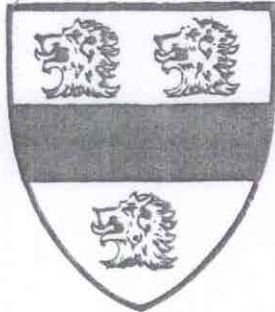
Dear Mr. Jeanes:

Thanks, but I am too far past too many deadlines. I
will not have time before May.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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SENIOR SEMINARS

Without appearing too critical, I would like to comment on the senior seminar program. I think that the program has been almost totally taken out of the senior's hands. It seemed to me that when the program was proposed last spring: the seminars were supposed to be selected by the students. However, the senior class was confronted with a collection of specialized seminars, based on the faculty's interests. Of these seminars, the students were asked to chose three, and indicate any other interests. It was most narrow minded of the committee to rule out all the extra ideas. I do not think that the director of studies realized that it would be extremely difficult to arrive at a consensus, given only a short time to allow the individual to think out other seminar ideas. The ones which were mentioned by various students were not brought up for discussion. Each was curtly dismissed because at most two students voiced an interest. I think that there would have been many people interested in these student initiated seminars, had the form been given a chance to discuss them. I wonder how many students would have had the idea to conduct a seminar dealing with satire in, Alice in Wonderland. Realizing that there is little or nothing that can be done about the program this year, (because the faculty have already started to prepare for their seminars), I would like to offer the following suggestions for next years class.

In order to make the seminar program as meaningful as possible in the future, the seminars should be selected by the students. The only preliminaries that need be handled by the faculty is the compiling of a list of the faculty who would be willing to take a seminar. Then the students would divide into discussion groups with the interested faculty, and discuss topics. To make the numbers workable,

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WHO KILLED JFK

You may be upset by the turmoil which is presently occuring over the assassination of President Kennedy. You may wonder what is turning the attention of many people back to so sordid an event. Why is all the almost obscene speculation taking place now, more than three years ago? One need only examine the official answer, The Warren Report, with a little care. The Report is an unweilding statement, 888 pages long, and it was accented by the American people virtually unread. Newspapers and magazines found its "Summary and Conclusions" section sufficient and quickly informed America that the truth was the same as had been indicated from the day of the assassination. Therefore, one needn't worry, a crummy little guy named Oswald had shot the President, the country was not in danger, everyone could settle down and watch the US continue to prosper under new management. However, an examination of much of the evidence, published by the Warren Commission (called WC after this) in 26 volumes, has revealed that the WC never set out to solve the murder, but only to incriminate Oswald as well as possible.

The brutal fact is that if you accept the WC's conclusion that Oswald was the lone assassin, you must accept everyone of these simolified assumptions: Fact 1: Three empty cartridges were found on the sixth floor of the Book Depository. WC Assumption 1: There were three shots fired. Fact 2: President Kennedy had wounds in the back, throast and head. Governor Connally had wounds in the back, chest, wrist, and thigh. Fact 3: One bullet hit the street. WC Assumption 2: Two bullets did all the damage. Fact 4: One bullet hit the President in the head and shattered. WC Assumption 3: One bullet penetrated the President, went through Governor Connally's chest (shattering his fifth rib), his wrist, entered his thigh and stopped at the bone. Fact 5: An undeformed, intact bullet fell off an unidentified stretcher at Parkland Hospital with markings showing it had been fired from Oswald's rifle. WC Assumption 4: It came from Governor Connally's stretcher. Fact 6: There were three grains of metal on Governor Connally's wrist and he still has fragments in his chest and thigh. Fact 7:

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Steve Marinis
Joe Chamberlin
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John McLoughlin
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who. (of the eligible teachers) would take which seminar.

The idea behind a seminar is that it should be a discussion group. Since it is a discussion group, the teachers would not have to prepare a great deal of material ahead of time. They would simply read along, and draw upon their greater background and experience to monitor the group. I realize that there is a difficulty with those science seminars which have to establish a base from which to work. Thus they would be subject to change in scope by the instructor to fit the short time period and at the same time be meaningful. For example, a seminar in marine biology would take a certain amount of preparation on the part of the teacher. However, I don't think a seminar analyzing the difference in style between Steinbeck's and Zola's social reform novels would require little if any preparation by the monitor.

The value of the seminar program can not be over emphasized. In a period when a senior's normal academic drive is waning; it is an extra burden for both the teacher and the student to continue against a force known as spring fever. It is, however, a time when the student's intellectual curiosity might be aroused by a certain subject, and a seminar offers a perfect way to satisfy this curiosity, while maintaining a low pressure approach.

... Thomas R. Downing

MAN IS RATIONAL

In the February 23rd issue of the Voice, we were treated to an entertaining little article by Steve Marinis entitled "Man-A Beast". Steve states that men "loots, rapes, and destroys for no purpose at all." However, we must remember (continued on page 3)

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Governor Connally's testimony: "We had just made the turn, well, when I heard what I thought was a shot... I instinctively turned to my right... failing to see him (JFK), I was turning to look back over my left shoulder into the back seat, but I never got that far... then I felt like someone had hit me in the back." Fact 8: Test conducted for the WC to prove a bullet might pass through, using gelatin blocks and a goat's carcass, indicated it was possible, but all test bullets were deformed. WC Assumption 5: The single bullet that did all the damage and the stretcher bullet (#399) are one and the same. WC Conclusion: Lee H. Oswald, lone assassin, fired one bullet which caused all seven of the non-fatal wounds to the President and Governor Connally. This bullet was later recovered in an undeformed state and had lost no metal.

No matter how implausible, the WC found this was the only explanation which would allow one assassin. Unfortunately, this theory puts the WC in disagreement with their two main sources of information, the FBI and Secret Service. The FBI reported that two shots hit the President and another hit Governor Connally. The Secret Service agreed. The agencies had two men each at the autopsy of the President to observe where the wounds had occurred. All four men had never seen or even heard talk about a hole in the back of the neck. Instead they viewed and heard the doctors conclude that there was a bullet hole in the President's back, 6 inches below the shoulder and one finger length deep! This wound, described in exactly this way, was reported in Time magazine and in the New York Times (Dec. 18, 1963). However, after conferring with WC attorneys, the doctor in charge of the autopsy announced the wound in the back of the neck. All photos and X-rays of the autopsy were classified immediately. The doctor revealed at a WC hearing that he had burned his original notes. He gave no reason.

The WC flagrantly, perhaps even criminally, selected only evidence that was in favor of its theory, heavily relied on witnesses who had lied to the WC previously but later agreed (Such as Oswald's wife, who had lied to enter the U.S. and was told to help or face deportation) and generally refusing to investigate any area that did not seem to help the case against Oswald. Let me cite one specimen (continued on page 3)

IN THE PARK

poetry by Bill Russell

Old men sit bent over checkerboards in the park.
Sidewalks all around are chalked with hopscotch squares and other markings
left from children's play.
Solitaires and amusing games for two or more are being played out everywhere
you look.
And in the center of the park, the cracked statue pantomimes immorality.

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ber that man is an animal which is held captive by strong social taboos and rules which must be followed, if the gregarious human society is to exist. No matter how civilized man may be, he is still an animal, and as such, is susceptible to animal behavior which is not taken into account by our laws. Animals are essentially self-centered; ANYTHING one does is intended, ultimately, to better his own situation. Thus, when a fish eagle relieves an osprey of his prey, or a man relieves another man of his prey ("broncherty", we call it), it is all in the cause of self-betterment; the same cause, on a microcosmic scale, which Steve speaks of as "bettering all humanity". A man "loots" for the betterment of his own or his immediate society's situation. When a man rapes, he is simply doing what is commonly accepted by his anthropoid relatives. The term "rape" is an expression of a breach of law governing property, an artificial protection for unattached females who wish to retain ultimate attractiveness, or a protection of the property of the male human (his wife). When man destroys, he does so to eliminate competition for some end, and thus create more security for himself and his immediate community. Language with the human being is used, as Steve says, to "protect himself". This method of communication serves to coordinate a society against danger due to predators or separation. Language is used to attack only when the security of the speaker is threatened.

Thus we come to Steve's question: "Is man a rational creature?" The answer is yes, if we are to relate ourselves as humans realistically to the other animals we share our existence with. The answer is no only if we assume that the restrictions man has placed upon himself are "rational". Steve is trying to imply that it is irrational for man to behave as bestially as the article would have us believe. If Steve himself is not an animal, let us place him on a pedestal as a unique biological specimen.

...John McLoughlin

FAUNA ENTERPRISES

Last spring, a close friend and I decided to import various exotic reptiles and amphibians on a world-wide scale. Hence the formation of the Fauna Enterprises, directed by two teenagers motivated by both scientific and monetary purposes. After procuring several licenses, papers, and parental permission, we acquired the International Fauna Index for \$100 from a private concern in Britain. This inconspicuous volume contains the name and addresses of every reputable import and export dealer of animals throughout the world. We then proceeded

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ific example out of the many cases of WC misrepresentation. (From The Report) "One employee, Jack Dougherty, believed that he saw Oswald coming to work, but he does not remember Oswald had anything in his hands as he entered the door. No other employee has been found who saw Oswald enter that morning." However, Mr. Dougherty was not as vague as the WC would have you believe. Here are two quotes from his actual testimony: Q: "Did you see Oswald come to work that morning?" A: "Yes-when he first came in the door." Q: "In other words you would say positively he had nothing in his hands?" A: "I would say that-yes, sir." The WC, however, needed to prove he was carrying a heavy, awkward bag 38 inches long. It then concludes that Oswald carried the rifle to work that morning despite the fact that not one witness saw anything of the kind. At the least, the WC acted solely as prosecutors. Unfortunately there are so many weak points in their case, that a good defense attorney could have a field day ripping it apart. Mark Lane does just that in his book, Rush to Judgement, lectures and TV debates. Another prominent critic, Harold Weisberg, has just completed his third book denouncing the WC and its methods. His passionate arguments in Whitewash I, II, and III reveal a knowledge of the evidence and the facts of the assassination which is probably unexcelled by anyone alive.

The WC clearly had two purposes. One was to investigate the assassination and discover who did it, just as important, it was supposed to quiet the country and discredit the ideas of a conspiracy being produced here and in Europe. Now don't believe the "big-name" members of the WC actually wrote The Report. Only a few of them even attended a majority of the hearings! The Report was very hastily written (they set and passed three deadlines) by a few Commission lawyers. The "big-names" were so busy with their normal tasks that they did very little. At the end they did have an argument and decided the evidence incriminating Oswald was not "compelling" but rather "persuasive."

The WC left a great many questions unanswered. Why did 2/3 of the witnesses (including a majority of the people in the Book Depository itself) think the shots had come from the Grassy Knoll, a point in front of the motorcade? Why did almost the entire Dallas Police Dept. congregate there first? Why did a police car drive up to Oswald's rooming house soon after he arrived (1 PM), honk its horn twice, and leave? Why did the Dallas Police have an important witness sign an affidavit stating Oswald was number 2 - before he had even seen the lineup? In short, who killed President Kennedy? (Hint: watch D.A. Garrison in New Orleans.)

...Ron Klare

1 of the witnesses in our group!

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to have a letter head printed, and laboriously typed letters to various concerns listed in the Index. Replies came from South America and we resolved to import a pilot shipment from Columbia. The cost of reptiles alone amounted to only \$50, but with freight (90¢ per pound), custom charges, bribes and telegrams, the total cost approached \$100. The consignment arrived promptly ten days later, and the contents were all rapidly dispersed to customers at a "fair" margin of profit. We were hooked.

With visions of great wealth, we anxiously awaited replies from other countries. Within a week, we heard from South Africa, Thailand, Brazil, Ethiopia, and Australia. We decided to make our next shipment from Thailand, because few other dealers correspond with them. Our greatest obstacle was freight cost, a phenomenal \$6 per kilo, but nevertheless, we skeptically filed our order. Upon its arrival a week later, the consignment weighed 21 kilos, and all the specimens were perfect. From the Fauna Enterprises Acclimatization Compound, (my partner's apartment), we distributed the specimens we did not wish to keep, and the Fauna Enterprises emerged as a successful business.

Price lists kept pouring in and we were deluged with orders from avid collectors, until the airline strike loomed before us. Pan American Airlines courteously informed us that they were unable to accommodate our shipments any longer because human cargo was now deemed more important. Undaunted we formulated our next few orders carefully, and then apprehensively hoped for an early settlement. Unfortunately, it terminated so late in the summer that we were forced to cancel our orders, as the threat of scool was ominously approaching.

Since September, we have received fauna from Pakistan, India, South Africa, and Columbia, although in minute quantities. Our aim has been to acquire only rare and unusual specimens, even though risking a chance of loss. I think we have achieved our original goal, which was to enlarge our own private collections, besides providing capital for our other interests.

The greatest single factor hindering our venture has been our age. Many people have been shocked to meet the co-directors of Fauna Enterprises, and rightfully so. As a matter of fact, we have been black-listed in parts of South America for this reason. My partner recently returned from a collecting expedition in the West Indies, and stopped off in Florida to visit one of our suppliers. Jose Sanchez, director of Columbian Animal Imports, was so taken aback by my partner's age, that he told all his business acquaintances in South America. We know plan to engage only in limited transactions with South America, as many firms seem to ignore our requests.

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Fauna Enterprises recently acquired a new partner, who is dedicated to the study of herpetology, and also owns a car. Although we have no plans for future expansion, we do hope to maintain this venture as long as possible. It has been a most interesting experience for me, and a revealing encounter with modern capitalism.

...Charlie Miller

TOWARDS LOVE

How can our present society evolve into one in which each individual can realize his full potential as a human being? Man in general has not as yet realized his full capacity and most individuals only fulfill a limited amount of their potential capabilities. Imagine, however, a world where everyone sees each individual as the most amazing, wondrous, and beautiful of all realities. In this ideal world, the dignity and worth of the human being would be recognized by all, so that there would be no actions taken by any individuals which would degrade or devalue anyone. We do not live in an ideal world, we live in a real one. However, the potential for a transformation of the real into the ideal always exists, and man must always strive to effect this transformation, despite the apparent impossibility of this attempt, because man's imperfect nature exists only to make it possible for him to strive towards perfection. Evil must exist, then, so as to enable us to recognize good. There is, however, no absolute morality. Every situation has its own particular moral implications. The only general rule we can formulate is that immorality would be denying the worth and dignity of the human being by regarding the individual as an object rather than as a human being. Despite all of man's technological progress, his social progress has been very limited. He still remains virtually an emotional infant who has yet to recognize the importance of love as a unifying social agent and as a basic pre-requisite to any social progress. Man must come to recognize this, then, and to recognize continuous involvement and social responsibility as facts of life. Man is now capable of having sexual relations without fear of unwanted children. If in this man avoids his social responsibilities and sees his sexual partner as an object and not as a human being, he will be denying the dignity and worth of his own nature. There must be a love requirement prior to or concomitant with such relations. In this and in other areas of life, so long as man maintains a wide variety of ways in which to satisfy himself and avoid frustrations, he will not feel the need for any immoral actions, or any aggressive behavior. Man has the capacity to love many individuals in a lifetime. Today this is more than a capacity--it's a responsibility.

...John Charnay