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Dear Scott,

Reur 4/10, feel free to tape. I put this in writing in the event any of your prof<sup>s</sup> has an question.

Forgive me if I repeat myself but I do not recall what I wrote you. Will you require some knowledge of the fact of the JFK assassination for your thesis? Or to put this another way, can you do it without coming in contact in any way the established fact.

Will you be able to make any judgements without such knowledge? As how much attention to pay to one while paying less to another or others? I do not raise this in the interest of the attention I may get. I do not care about that and I'm used to being a minority of one. In fact in many ways I like it and I am happy to have so little to do with others now because it gives me more time for my own work. Rather do I raise this matter in the interest of the value of what you evolve.

For example, is it your concept you should spend as much time on nuts as oh say Sylvia "egner. (Pronounced Mary by the way.)

I agree that there is little publish<sup>ed</sup> that you can draw on. Even more is not available if you do not limit yourself to those who write books.

I agree that the controversy over criticism is important but not as important as the event itself. I doubt you have made a study of the consequences. As I think you should have perceived in your Vietnam study.

I know of no updating of the Guth-Wrone biblio and doubt if there will be one without some subsidy.

I have no interest in the tape but I think maybe Dr. Gerald McKnight, history dept., Hood College, 401 Rosemont Ave., Fred. 21701 would like it. Maybe dubs of all your tapes of interviews.

When you ask me a question be certain that you want what I regard as frank and truthful. I do not hold some of the early ones in high regard and I tend to separate what can be justified early on and cannot be justified later. Thus I think that for all that was wrong with them Buchanan and the German whose name escapes me at the moment raised questions when they had to be raised and others were not doing that. To esten,

You may if you do not limit yourself to those who published want to ask me who I remember. I will remember some but not all. If you do when you call give me the date "early" ends for you.

Remember the convoluted hours I keep. I must knock off for supper at 4:30 p.m. our time because I must be abed by 6. Most of the time I'm home the rest of the day beginning about 9:30 a.m. but occasionally am not. Good luck!

Harold

April 10<sup>th</sup> 1995  
Cedar Falls, IA.  
Scott Kavelovich

Dear Mr. Weisberg —

Just a note to let you know that your letter in response to my inquiry reached me. I have your current address now, so hopefully anything further from me should reach you. I got the old address from a museum of some kind in Dallas.

I've followed your publications with some interest. Your contributions to the assassination literature has been impressive. I am very eager to talk to you, as one of the earliest critics of the Warren Report. The three critics I am pursuing most are Mark Lane, Edward Epstein, and yourself.

A little bit about my thesis to date: The tentative title of the paper is "Voices of Dissent: Early Critics of The Warren Report, 1964-1968." I think I'll drop "early" from the title, since it is a bit redundant.

Anyway, the thesis is looking at critical reactions to the Report, and how these criticisms were received. My goal is to place critics such as yourself in context with other historical events of the late 1960s.

Studies of the controversy surrounding JFK's assassination have not been very complete or far-reaching, and I hope that this MA thesis might turn into a larger work, tracing the debate over JFK's death.

I feel that the controversy is as much a legitimate historical event as the event itself, although not all historians would agree with me, no doubt.

I think that in many ways, the debate over JFK which has been raging now for over 30 years is reflective of many historical currents in the United States.

So this is what I am doing, and obviously, I'm trying to gauge the JFK debate in relation to other events of the 60s. Just as a bit of trivia, this paper grew out of a study I did on Kennedy's Vietnam policy. If I have a specialty in history, it would be the 1960s. I never grow tired of studying it. I hope this helps you understand what I am doing.

I have used Dr. Wrona's book a great deal. It is quite a help. Is there a 1979-present work in progress? If not, perhaps someday somebody will get around to it. It certainly has been helpful.

I will try to call you as soon as possible. I am taping the interview. As a scholarly work, my committee may ask to verify sources such as interviews. Copies of the tape have been requested by some (U. Salvadoria, for one).

I will be in touch, congratulations on your ~~82~~<sup>81</sup>nd birthday.

Sincerely,

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