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Dear Mr. Lawson,

It is kind and thoughtful of you to take the time to write as you do, and I very much appreciate the kind things you say. It is this wonderful response from so many people that has meant so much to us and kept us going until the book established itself as a success. If I spent all day every day doing nothing but making adequate reply to the swell letters we get, there still would not be enough time, so I answer those I can briefly, for there is a tremendous amount of work to do on WHITEWASH, which is still not available in most parts of the country and most book stores do not know how to get it. Also, I have completed the rough draft of a sequel. That required considerable work. It carries the story much farther and shows how the whitewashing was accomplished.

The people at CAU have been wonderful. They have sought to give all sides a hearing, which is the American tradition, yet they have asked responsible questions of all. Those whose interest is not truth do not show up very well. Jack McKinney personally has been wonderful to me and I presume the others.

I appreciate the effort you have gone to to check my sources. This is exactly why I quoted the sources, so layman or scholar could check me.

By now the number of strange deaths is 14 or 15, I've forgotten which.

Doing a book on what the Report does not contain is reasonable, but I do not believe it is that today, when people have been so brainwashed. I believe today the most credible thing is to stick with the Commission's own evidence.

The strange thing about the attitude of the Kennedy family to the Report is not strange, perhaps, if it is carefully considered. I have yet to see where one said he read it. They merely said they had no reason to question the Report. It is understandable, from one point of view, that members of the family could not want to relive the tragedy. When they see the names of such eminent men on a Report and read the monolithic approval in the press, they just do not doubt it. I predict, however, that this will change, as I think their attitude toward the Manchester book, inevitably, will. At some point someone trusted by a member of the family is going to tell him what he has read. I've seen to it that the proper people had copies of mine from the beginning.

Again, thanks.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

10/2/66

Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

With the Philadelphia radio station on almost exactly the same wavelength as our local WHOP - I have to wait until sign-off here at midnight before I can receive WCOA's re-broadcast.

(I had taken a sleeping pill last night - but fought off its effectiveness when I found that Jack was interviewing you, and managed to succeed until 3 AM our time (4 AM your ST). I presented very much the young lady who misquoted the "Report" and indicated some unfair reporting on your part.

I have not found the slightest discrepancy between your reasoning - as opposed - or in connection with - the Warren Report. I have both - and use your references to refer to the "Report". It is fantastically unbelievable that this report could be approved and your investigation - with time and "reasonable" factors concerned - makes the Warren Report almost fiction.

I regard your work as most admirable - and wish to express, also, my admiration for your attitude & conduct on Saturday night's program.

It had been told to me that four "important witnesses" in Dallas had met rather violent deaths - which were rather questionable as regards "accident": You mentioned that there were 12 ^{total}. This seems to be more than a reasonable quotient. I would suggest that you do another book - which I hope you contemplate - revealing facts other than what the Warren Report

Criticism contains!

"Coverup" certainly seems their method, not - as you say - on the part of the appointed commission - but in criticism of their investigators.

It would appear that Tippet & Ruby were involved in some manner with Oswald - if Oswald, indeed, is involved.

Mrs. Tippet was given a vast amount of donation - including Zapruder's purchase cost of his valuable film. If he is involved - as surely as Oswald is reputed to be - then I regard Oswald as having been most unjustly accused - by comparison.

With regard to the approval extended by Mrs. Kennedy for a specified writer to have exclusive contact & information with & from certain important witnesses - with the result of printing - after the first - to go to the benefit of the Kennedy Museum - appears to indicate that there remains something to be told - or another means of utilizing the funds of the Museum.

While it is not, perhaps, "proper" to admit any failure on the part of the Kennedy family to approve the Warren Report, I cannot see how they would approve it. In fact, immediately after the tragic event, some of ^{my} most erudite friends contended it to be the act of "Leftists" while Justice Warren immediately cited the Rightists as the culprits. (This would be the first, nor last, time that he's wrong, however!)

Please make my name on your order list for any subsequent book on this subject - if one is being contemplated.

Sincerely

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On Monday, Oct. 3rd, I managed to hear the major portion of an interview with a young man who is to publish a book under the title "See Defense of the Warren Report". I was not at all impressed, although my mind was "wide open". In fact, I concluded that his attitude was too defensive for him to be too sure of himself. He even thought that he had Mr. Mc Kinney convinced - but Mr. Mc K. set him straight on that. I couldn't stay awake to hear the phone calls - but do not doubt that his weakness was revealed. However, his manner differs from his cause - however factual & credible (which I doubt).

Quote in US News & World Report that Oliver Spector does not know the whereabouts of X-rays & photographs of the autopsy - On "Whispers" - Page 8 - these are reported to have been placed in the Kennedy "Archives" by Robert Kennedy - then Atty. General. Protection of the public against gory details - being obvious excuse.

Pardon me for burdening you with correspondence which it is not my intent that you are responsible to reply to. Don't wish to assure you that your research bears great import to me and someone shall have to come up with something great to convince me otherwise. Monday night's performer on Mc Kinney's show was quite a farce - as I think much of his ilk are.

Sincerely,

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