

Dear Ms. Martin,

6/1/81

Further and emergency surgery ~~has~~ reduced my capabilities and the time I can take for correspondence because I have less for my work now.

I have no plans for speaking in your area now. I suppose that in time the doctors will permit me to travel. When they do I can afford to only when I'm paid an honorarium and expenses. Most of the colleges have been so thoroughly ripped off by those who theorize idly but excitingly, as is easily possible when there are no restraints, that little market remains for responsible speaking.

Essentially, what TCI said about the HSCA's records is true. My understanding is that the committee tried to include the records of the agencies, which are available under FOIA, as well as its own, which are immune under FOIA.

There is little doubt that a real effort will be made to emasculate FOIA. I don't believe that as of now they can repeal the entire thing. Letters to Congress and things like that can help.

I don't know of any responsible book on the RFK assassination. None that I've read is dependable.

A book can be quite interesting or entertaining and not be dependable. Many are this way.

Thanks for the offer of Freed's book on the Letelier assassination. It might be interesting and as I have to rest more I have more time for reading.

It may or may not be available around here. I doubt it. But because I am not now able to stand still I do not go to the bookstores.

Sincerely,

May 27, 1981

Mr. Harold Weisberg
7627 Old Receiver Rd.
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I wrote to you in December and November, and both times received a very kind reply. I hope that you have fully recovered from your surgery and I'd like to know if you've made any plans for a speaking engagement in the Los Angeles or Orange County areas.

In January, I began subscribing to Penn Jones' newsletter, 'The Continuing Inquiry'. An article in the March issue states that the HSCA made all of their classified documents exempt from the FOIA. Can you tell me if this is true, and if so, what reason the Committee gave for this action?

I know that you know a great amount about the the FOIA from first-hand experience, so perhaps you can tell me what will happen now, as a result of Wm. French Smith's recent order concerning the Act. Are suits that were filed before his order affected? Can anything be done to keep the FOIA intact, or shall we, so to speak, kiss it good-bye?

I've recently become interested in the RFK assassination and have read Donald Freed's 'The Killing of RFK' which I found informative and deeply moving. Unfortunately, I don't know of any other books on the subject. Can you suggest any?

I'd like to recommend to you a book that I've found most interesting. "Death in Washington" is by Donald Freed (published by Lawrence Hill and Co.) and is about the death of Orlando Letelier and the overthrow of Allende's government in Chile. Portions of the book focus on the JFK assassination, and David Atlee Phillips. (I have enclosed a N.Y. Times book review of "Death in Washington.") You may have difficulty in finding this book, so if you are interested I'd be more than happy to send you a copy, at my own expense.

Again, I hope that you are well, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Jan Vinick Martin

HAROLD WEISBERG
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December 18, 1980

Ms. Jan Vincek Martin
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Dear Ms. Martin:

My apologies for addressing you as "Mr." and thank you for setting the matter straight.

Dr. John Lattimer was the first person outside of government to see the Kennedy autopsy photos and X-rays, so the statement in his ad is correct.

Again thank you for your expression of concern and sympathy. I appreciate it very much.

Now that the holiday season is upon us, I hope that you will have a happy and healthy one.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

HAROLD WEISBERG
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November 30, 1980

Mr. Jan Vincek Martin
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Dear Mr. Martin:

Enclosed is flyer listing all the books we have on the Kennedy assassination. FRAME-UP, although primarily on the Martin Luther King, Jr., assassination, also contains some information on the Kennedy case.

Although in the past I have addressed public groups on these subjects as well as on freedom of information, at the moment I have no plans for such an activity. I have just recently been released from hospital following arterial surgery and am still in the convalescent stage. Hopefully, I will again be able to resume a more active life in the not too distant future.

Thank you for your kind words. Expressions such as yours mean much to me.

Sincerely,

Nov. 24, 1980

Mr. Harold Weisburg
Route 12
Frederick, Md. 21701

Dear Mr. Weisburg,

Can you please send me a price list for your series of books on the Kennedy assassination? I have read only 'Whitewash' and am eager to read the others.

I would also like to know if you speak publicly on the subject. If so, will you be speaking at any time in the future, in the Los Angeles or Orange County area?

The admiration I feel for you, for the work you have done in this field, cannot be put into words. I wish you continued success.

Respectfully,
Jan Vincent Martin

Harold Weisberg
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Dec. 6, 1980

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I was very pleased to receive your letter. Thank you for taking the time to write me. It was most thoughtful and I greatly appreciate it, more than I can say.

I was saddened to learn of your illness and I hope that your recovery will be as quick as possible, and complete.

Perhaps you can answer a question I have. In an advertisement for Dr. John Lattimer's new book, it says that he was the first person, outside of the government, to view the Kennedy autopsy photos and X-rays. I thought that Dr. Cyril Wecht was the first. Hopefully, you can straighten this out for me.

In your letter you referred to me as 'Mr.' I assume this was because my penmanship leaves something to be desired, and Jan is a man's name as well as a

womans'. I am, in fact, a 'Ms'. (Martin is my married name.)

Again thank you for your very kind letter. I hope you have a happy holiday season.

Respectfully,
Jan Vincent Martin