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Dear John,

Both of your enclosures should be excellent, basic research tools.

I think one of the reasons it was never done is that it took much time. Another is that the general researchers were not that or they've have done it. They are all the advocates of theories instead.

Today's mail is so heavy that I've done nothing else since it came and it is close to supper time. I'm not now taking the time to read the enclosures but if we discuss them again they will be filed chron and witnesses.

You are correct in your interpretation on getting a reading on what the Commission was up to and when they were.

If as you think you can merge all the data, that should be an even more important record.

The kind of basic research for which what you've done is such a valuable tool just it not being done. But historically I think it will be of great value when real research is undertaken by real scholars who know how to do scholarly work.

Amazing to me you find the time!

Perhaps its greatest value and importance may be in what you say it most likely will be, when the mechanics, your word, is studied. *should be too!*

I'm spending all the time I can find on the new book and I'm sorry to say I have no information on when NEVER AGAIN! will be published.

But today is correspondence day!

Many thanks and best from us both,

Harold

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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Hope this note finds you and Mrs. Weisberg tolerating the weather and enjoying this fabulous weather...it is up here anyway. Am back for a week...need to do some boat maintenance.

The purpose of this letter is to provide you a copy of the inclosed printout. It lays out the witnesses who either appeared before the Commission or provided a deposition in as close to date/time sequence as I've been able to determine.

I was interested in this view as I've not seen it discussed anywhere...have you?

What this accomplishes, at least for me, is the ability to cut thru the quagmire of the testimony. I can now see when they talked to the various witnesses along a linear timeline...something they seemed hellbent to prevent by all indications of the layout of the 26 volumes. I think this has value in understanding what they were doing...which as it seems, and you have told me, was simply going thru the motions with no attempt to *investigate* or *build* a case, in any fashion that makes sense to me.

I would appreciate your comments on the value of this, especially if you know of someone else who has done similar work with whom I might validate this. Actually, any comments you might offer are appreciated.

A note: I was playing with some new programs on my new computer, hence the picture on the front page...I lifted it from another application as an experiment.

This is tied together with the material I sent you some time back...printouts of the witnesses grouped by attorneys, etc. I am also developing a database which incorporates every event I can document. The database is event driven and when, or if, ever completed, will permit a complete sequential history of this entire affair. I currently have about 250 events captured. I've included a *very rough* printout of that material to give you an idea of what it is...I've not worked with the layout so keep that in mind when you look at it. I think at the end of this I'll be able to merge all the data and provide a complete date/time sequence...but that obviously is a long way off...but I thought you might be interested.

I think this is important, again to me at least, in understanding the mechanics of the Whitewash, if you'll permit me the term.

Please relay my best to Mrs. Weisberg.

Sincerely,



John W. Masland

BTW... THE RETURN ADDRESS
ABOVE IS CORRECT... I MAY HAVE
SENT YOU A LETTER W/ 134 INSTEAD
OF 143...
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