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Dear Mr. Mentzer,

You forgive my typing, I'll forgive yours.

I'll answer your letter briefly, for a busier period lies immediately ahead of me.

If you feel you need a large map, most major cities have semiofficial ones. All the major gasoline companies supply the. You can follow those moves you want to from the Report and other sources.

In addressing yourself to the number of shots you are, I believe, tackling one of the central issues. May I suggest to you that it is rather difficult? None of the books aside from WHITEWASH make even the pretense of handling this seriously. You may draw upon my material. You should also read those parts of the Report that discuss this topic. Read them carefully and see if you believe the language is justified by the facts you will also develop. Especially what the Report says "is not necessary" to any conclusion of the Commission. Remember, it may not be the number of shots alone, but that in combination with other factors, such as which bullet or bullets hit who or what, what Oswald's capabilities were, how this compared with, let us say the very best riflemen and what the very best could do, etc.

With Oswald's rights you will find the same situation. No one else tackled this seriously. If the Birmingham library has the 26 volumes of testimony and exhibits you can set off on your own or you can use my footnotes as an index to them.

If your question about Oswald's trip to Mexico relates to the belief that it could have been part of his participation in the assassination, my belief is "no". If you mean could his trip to Mexico have had anything to do with what eventually happened to him, I would say this is possible if not probably.

You will find that Xeroxing of pictures is usually not very satisfactory. Of documents and line drawings the opposite is true. Xeroxing is fine.

Why don't you now get your map, do some more reading as your other obligations permit, get things more fixed in your mind, and then, if you want help, write me. If I am not too busy I will help. I am completing another book and have other things that require much time that I must attend.

Good luck,

Harold Weisberg

11/16/66

Dear Mr. Weisberg,^{your}

Thank you, for^A interest and willingness to help me on my paper.

I appreciated your reply beyond comprehension.

As to how long I have before the paper is due, it will probably be due sometime in the month of April. However, our teacher is inclined to disregard deadlines for a work that may be improved upon with more research. I plan to use the method of "induction", in other words I will start with the facts, these facts being the ones everyone agrees on, then add the Warren Report's "case", and finally assault the whole thing, with my conclusions coming last. If there are any suggestions you might have please do so.

One problem I have is in obtaining a large scale map of the area in which the shooting occurred and the area Oswald was to have supposedly traveled, after he left the Texas School Book Depository building to the time of his arrest. The number of shots is also going to be a main point in my paper, as well as the infringing upon Oswald's rights. I would like to know if Oswald's trip to Mexico had any bearing on the assassination, assuming now the possibility of a conspiracy. As I said before suggestions are and will^f be needed; your time permitting.

Your suggestion for Xeroxing certain documents is a good one, for I was wondering how I was going obtain pictures and copies of Xrays of the autopsy. Any additional information on this will^{bc} of great help.

Sincerely yours,
Greg Mentzer
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P. S. I do want to again thank you for your concern and interest to help me in my paper. Please excuse the typing. Thank You