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Dear Tom Miller,

I take you at your word and send you herewith review copies of the books I published on the JFK assassination. I have damaged copies I can use for this purpose, so the only cost I have is postage and the trouble of packaging. I can't afford to give you a copy of my book on the King assassination. The publisher arranged no single promotion for it and it suffered the expectable fate. I have bought all the remainders and am selling them at the regular price, the reasons including the possibility of recovering some of the great costs of getting in a position to begin to write such a book.

I have difficulty believing that Harper's will take a straight, solid article on the little bit of serious writing there was on the assassinations. Frame-Up remains the only book not accepting the official mythology about the King assassination and it was without interest in publication or since.

No offense intended, but I frankly have difficulty believing that you are in a position to know what is responsible, dependable writing. It takes an enormous amount of work to be able to discriminate. The average intelligent person is without the factual basis for judging. You got none of it at the CTIA meeting. I had twice declined to go there and went in the end only because Fensterwald asked it as a personal favor and simultaneously assured me that none of those I regard as nuts (and he knows each by name) would be on the program. I regard that as entirely a nut operation, with the most rabid given a fine forum for defaming all serious work and convincing the media that we are all irrational. The one benefit I can see is that the CTIA people themselves have begun to see what only the blind would not at the outset, that nothing else was possible for them.

In short, I do not regard writing on this and allied subjects as I do other writing; and I do not find myself willing to accept what the uninformed pass off as "reviews." Too much turned on those events to be handled like most commercial books.

You seem to be with Harper's. If they have a serious interest in this subject, I do have fresh material. I have books I have not been able to get printed and I have in mind a chapter of one on the Kennedys, especially what happened to Bobby. All new, all from previously-secret documents which are available for facsimile uses. But I know the hangups people have on this subject. Andy St. George, for example, could get Stern Foundation help with what I know from my own past intelligence experience has to be insubstantial writing, and Harper's did print it. However, I have made several approaches to this foundation, beginning with Boyd, with negative results. I know Mrs. Stern's attitude and Jack Anderson's and they operate this foundation to accommodate their prejudices and pasts.

Harper's has undergone changes through the years, but I remember the patronizing reception I got in 1965, when nothing on the subject had appeared and they had no interest. It was not because Jack Fischer should not have known me from his time as an AP reporter covering hearings of a Senate committee whose editor I was. And I could not get to see him.

I can't expect that at this late date you'll write that nothing of worth can be published today and that little of worth has appeared in all. I can't expect you to know or to say that the only worthwhile work in the field has been done by those who are hardly known. Nor can I expect you to realize or to say that those who get all the attention are those who destroy credibility and tend to convince the media and the rest of the world that those who had and have doubts about the official "solutions" to the assassinations are some species of nut. But this is the grim reality.

So, I do what I can to put you in a position to do responsible writing and hope.

All my books are available only from me. I still get orders from individuals, from stores and from wholesalers, and I fill them promptly.

Sincerely,

Harper's

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Mr. Weisberg--

In preparation for a number of articles I'm working on*, could you send me a list of all the assassination related books you have written, along with publisher if other than yourself, and year of release. I'd make a routine request for review copies, but I'm haunted by your remarks at the CIA conference a couple weeks ago about sending them out. Still, if you can spare review copies, of course I'd appreciate that. Thank you...


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*For Harper's and other magazines

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