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Dick and Gary only,

Enclosed are my most recent exchange with John Nichols and the covering letter with which I sent a set to Bud. The only other person who will know about this nasty, rotten business.

There is little to add, save that I took another tranquilizer as soon as I finished it. I will be in Washington when he is. I will neither seek nor avoid him. I am scheduled to see Bud in the a.m., to be at the Archives at 11, pick Howard up, and then come home. This I will do.

Whether it is right or wrong, and in my own mind there is no doubt whatsoever (I'll welcome the development of contrary argument), if he pulls this I will do what I can to see that he gets what is coming. You both have a glimmer of what I have been working on, Gary has a better idea of the newer developments and their potential, and entirely aside from very strong personal feelings, I simply will not accept any theft of it which, inevitably, means alerting others to it and a defense against me.

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Because he says he expects to see you, I am also sending it to you so you will, i most sincerely hope, be on guard and mantion nothing of what I have told you to him. He is off on an ego-trip the likes of which we haveonly once seen, which is saying something.

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January 26, 1970

Harold Weisberg, Esq.,
Route 8
Frederick, Maryland.

Dear Harold:

About the delay in answering your letter of January 6. I left town about noon Saturday 10 and it had not been received in our department at that time. However, it might have been received in our mail room that morning. On Saturday's the staff in both our mail room and this department are reduced and the mail room closes at noon. We give priority to slides and specimens sent in for diagnosis by other pathologists and hospitals. This priority is even above first class mail!!

I read your letter about11:00 PM Monday January 12 on my return to Kansas City. It may have lain in our mail room over the week end. I did not retain the envelope. My reply was typed the next day in time for sending out in our 5:30 PM mail. None of my correspondence with you is dictate. I type it all myself and it is kept in my personal files not accessible to others in the department.

I have made repeated requests to the Archivist(s) for several items denied for diverse reasons including "cannot be located". A few were provided on the second asking after one rejection and a lesser number on the third asking after two rejections. I do not know why they were provided after previous refusals. Perhaps it was my persistence or change in viewpoint of the Archivist. Alternately you (or others) may have "forced them out", I do not know. In at least two instances I believe I have "forced out" two documents.

Harold, as you may know, I from time to time am in a position to do favors for persons in various law enforcement agencies. Occasionally I ask favors of them. Some persons who participated in the

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in the investigation of the assassination have been stationed here in Kansas City. I have obtained poor copies of two documents which had been previously refused and upon sending copies of these copies to the Archivist he responded by sending the desired items.

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Earlier last week I, again, requested the Archivist to provide some items once denied and others twice denied. In this request I included the Autopsy Authorization. If it is provided, then my lawyers may or may not use it in the suit. If it is not provided I will sue for it along with other items not provided. I personally hope it will be denied. In any event, I hope to some day, write an account of the flim - flam involved and how you forced it out. If you have not previously published on it I will ask your assistance.

As to the Autopsy Sketch, last week I learned something about this which has previously not been mentioned but which will greatly embarass Humes, Boswell, and Finck. It is most unlikley that you know it but I will be happy to divulge it to you when you get ready to publish. Just ask me at that time.

Am disappointed you have not asked me for a copy of my CE397. It is flagrantly different from that on page 48 of volume 17 and the copy the Archivist sent me at your request. Will be delighted to send it to you if you want me to.

I distinctly recall that the Autopsy Authorization and the Autopsy Sketch were not reproduced in the unpublished manuscript you kindly sent. Also I do not believe you mentioned these things or if so you omitted bibliographic citation. Otherwise I would have made a memorandum of it. I have no such

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such memorandum in my files. Of your books I have (1) Whitewash, (2) Whitewash II, (3) Oswald in New Orleans, and (4) Photographic Whitewash. Should appreciate if you could tell me of your other books and where I can purchase copies.

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Harold, I am quite keen on priority and correct citation. Enclosed are two reprints of some of my Scientific and Medical writings. I am quite proud to have dug up an early 1910 Polish paper (p 224) previously unnoticed, the findings of which were attributed to others in 1911. I do not envision any conflict in our work.

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Enclosed are my most recent exchange with John Nichols and the covering letter with which I sent a set to Bud: t e only other person who will know about this nasty, rotten business.

There is little to add, save that I took another tranquilizer as soon as I finished it. I will be in Washington when he is. I will neither seek nor avoid him. I am scheduled to see Bud in the a.m., to be at the Archives at 11, pick Howard up, and then come home. This I will do.

Whether it is right or wrong, and in my own mind there is no doubt whatsoever (I'll welcome the development of contrary argument), if he pulls this I will do what I can to see that he gets what is coming. You both have a glimmer of what I have been working on, Gary has a better idea of the newer developments and their potential, and entirely aside from very strong personal feelings, I simply will not accept any theft of it which, inevitably, means alerting others to it and a defense against me.

But over and above that, I have accepted so much of this for so long a period of time, I simply will have no self-respect if I accept it. I often wonder if part of the problem I now have is not because I have so often for so long permitted others to do this to me with impunity, imposing on myself standards and concepts so foreign to the slef-seekers.

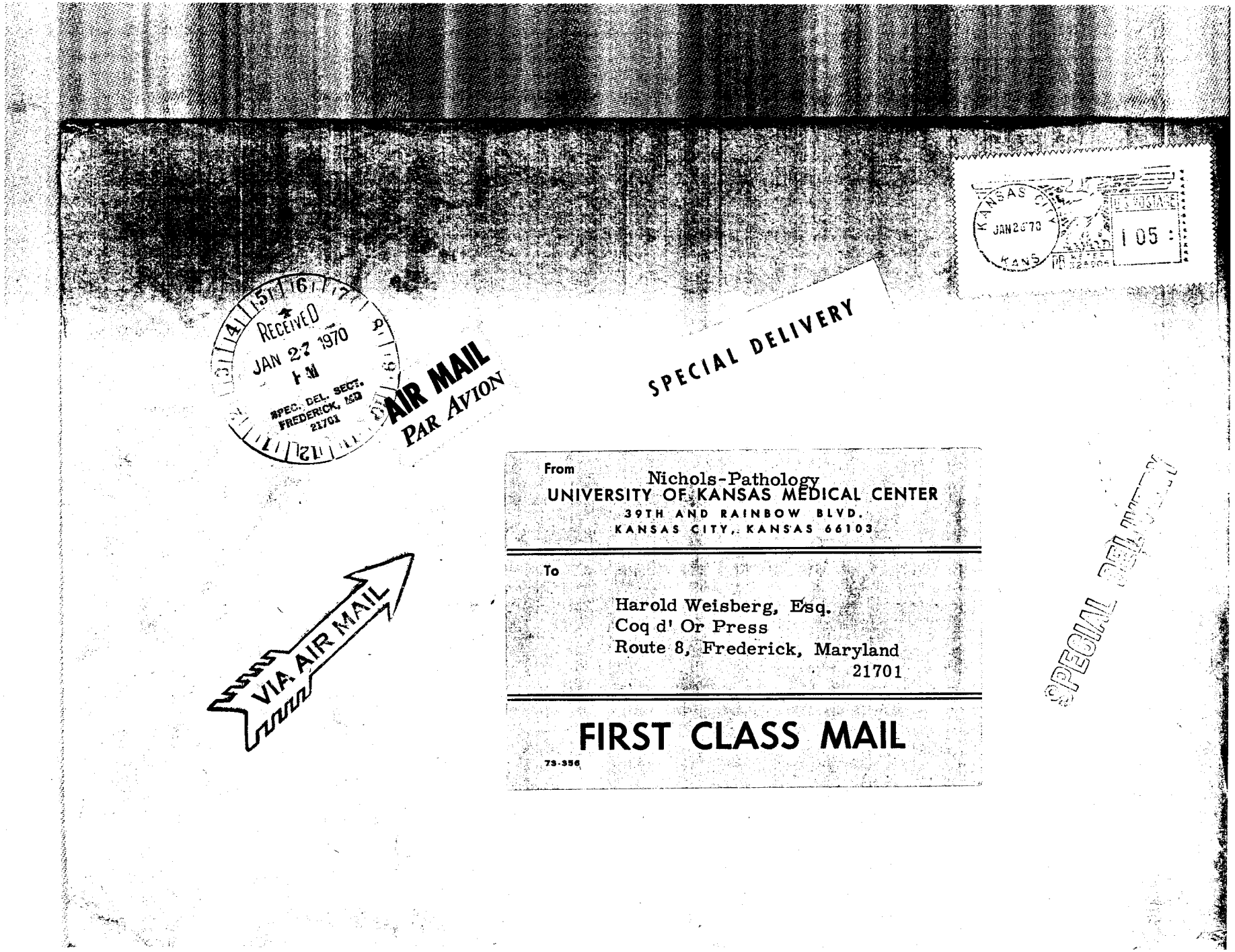
I just cannot make more copies of John's letter, so I ask Dick to make one for Gary, please.

I will wrote Paul a simple letter telling him nothing about this but also telling him he is not to let John have anything that comes from me, no matter how seemingly innocuous. I have sent an extra copy of the letter to John to Gary, asking that he decide whether Paul should be informed in detail, for he knows Paul's unwillingness to either become involved in the despicable things some do or even acknowledge they exist. It is not just that I am passing the buck. It is more that I am so furious at this I really do not think I can make a dispassionate decision, even think clearly about it.

When Playboy finally tumbled to what Mark had used them for in their interview, which they had to put every available staffer on for three weeks to clean up before deadline, they asked me to clobber him. I refused. That day is past, as is that time, so far as I am concerned.

The only meaningful work John has done of which I am aware is establishing what has no relationship to the assassination, that Kennedy had Addisson's disease. In his suit he seeks nothing others have not already brought to light, and in his papers he discloses no meaningful knowledge of any kind. He is, if you read these papers, merely seeking a rep. This, of course, is aside from what he does not want disclosed, his use of human cadavers, which merely repeats what is already known but is a valid disproof of the official fiction.

If he uses any of my owrk in his own writing, if I have to be my own lawyer, I'll sue him and the publisher, LOOK included (remember, Dick?) Sincerely,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