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Dear Mr. Read,

I have no personal knowledge of White House communications but I believe that all the mail goes to a large crew who go over it, use form letters to reply or back as small proportion of it upward. Any president gets to see only the tiniest percentage of it. I think it probable that those handling the mail decided that any question on the assasssination was a sure loser and ignored your letter.

As you say, from the beginning the British establishment has been hand in hand with ours.

We can supply all the books I published myself, as the enclosed price list reflects. If your local store cannot get my more recent ... NEVER AGAIN! you can get it and most assassination books (most of which will at best merely mislead you) from The Last Hurrah Bookstore, 930 Memorial Ave., Williamsport, PA 17701.

There are no thoories in any of my books. All come from the official evidence only.

Any ammunition can kill. Some rifles are much less suited for an assassination and of those that M-C was least suited of all. It was made in Italy only during World War II. Where he actually bought that ammo, if indeed he himself bought it, was not established in the so-called investigation.

I do not know what kind of book you have in mind but if you intend to deal with the actualities you have an enormous amount to learn.

I do not believe you'll be able to learn much about the assassination itself in Dallas.

How a man in the street assessment of JFK could be very interesting. The people, from my letters, love him and refuse to believe the official mythology.

If you get any of my books, please remit in US currency. The weight for shipping is best figured at two pounds per book. I'm told that surface mail takes about three weeks.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr Harold Weisberg

Although I have decided to write to you I am not certain what I am going to write! Knowing how busy you must be and your circumstances I realise you may not be able to acknowledge my letter, so I will not know if you receive it, possibly.

On that particular point I would like to mention a similar situation. Eighteen months ago I wrote to President Clinton, I have, as yet, not received a reply. I had written believing he would answer, I had "heard" that he replied to all who wrote to him. Why I had written to him was that I had read in a British newspaper that Bill Clinton accepted the findings of the Warren Commission; that L.H. Oswald acting alone had killed J.F.K. I would be interested in your opinion of the various points in that/this.

Before I go any further I would like to thank you for "Case Open"; it is reassuring to know that there is available reference to counter the deceit of 'Case Closed'. The disappointing thing is that it, (Case Open), is not available in the United Kingdom. Although Case Closed is, available; this seems to confirm what I have suspected, that the British "establishment" and the media is in sympathy with their US counterpart. I was able to obtain a copy of your book, 'Case Open, through a British bookshop, on a special order.

While on the subject, of your books, what are the financial requirements of ordering any of your previous books? How do, (would), I pay for any I wish to order.

I don't think I could afford all the books, you suggest are available by writing/ordering, to you. But I am very interested in those books that you refer to in "Case Open"; also the book you are in the process of writing.

I was very interested in your reference to the packageing L.H. Oswald supposedly used to introduce the alleged assassination rifle into th TSBD building. Also I had not previously heard that ammunition suitable for alleged assassination rifle was available in Lee Harvey Oswald's belongings at the Paine residence. I am anxious to know more about those two points, besides other aspects.

I am quite interested in the subject, (the JFK assassination); about a year ago I was in Dallas. I was there for five days, but I think I missed the opportunity to see all the points of interest, even possibly contacting people there who may not have objected to being approached. Could you possibly comment? I am hoping to be able to visit Dallas again, in the not too distant future.

I am restricted to a certain degree, my wife does not like flying, and doesn't think it safe for me to travel alone. I am sixty-four years old, and visually impaired, I have retinitis pigmentosa, (tunnel vision and night blindness are two of the symptoms).

I am hoping, (and also in the process of), to write a book, based on my visit to Dallas and what I have read, an ordinary "man in the street" assessment of the death of JFK. Could you,

would you be able, (of course your able!), to advise me? Could I use you as reference?

There are so many questions I would like to address, but I am afraid of being a nuisance. It is such a pity your books are not available in U K, especially when books such as "Case Closed" and Norman Mailer's "Oswald" are, and are given rave reviews, (most likely because they conform to the desired conclosion of the "establishment").

just one last (?) query, I am having difficulty locating publications of the 26 volumes of the Warren Commission Hearings and ~~Ex~~hibits. What would the likelehood, (and cost), be, of obtaining such from the U S ?

Well I really think I should stop at this point, or I will start to become boring. Thanks whatever the resultant outcome of this letter.

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Yours sincerely

Derek. F. Reed.

P.S. I can't really believe Bill Clinton could be so naive, to believe the Warren Commission Report!?

Incidentally I did "go on" the JFK bus tour, and I did visit the TSBD "museum", while in Dallas.

Is there any evidence where L.H. Oswald obtain his ammunition? Or did he actually do so?

Was the manufacturers of Mannlicher-Carcano rifles asked to give an assessment of their rifles? Is the rifle manufacturer still a going concern? And if

so where can they be contacted?