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Dear Mr. Read,

Your copy of Best Horton is going by slower surface mail. Thanks.

You ask about Walt Brown's books. Frankly, they are worse than useless, judging from the one I read, because he is, despite his pretenses, a subject matter ignoramus.

With regard to citation of the Report, all my references to it are to the pages of the official copy. Now it was reprinted by photographic reproduction of the pages of the official report by Walden Books. I understand that Walden was bought out by Borders. But any bookstore there that handles United States books should be able to get a copy if any remain.

The advantage of getting that one is that all citations to the official copy will be identical with what you find in it.

It is possible to have questions about how the Paines conducted themselves, but I think that is just the kind of people they are and that it has no real significance.

There is a dealer in book remainders named Hamilton, located in the State of Connecticut. He may have a copy of the Report. Again, if you have a store that deals with United States books, it should know of Hamilton.

Sincerely,



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Dear Mr. Harold Weisberg

I have received my copy of "Whitewash: The report on the Warren Report", for which I thank you. As you did not say otherwise, I take it that the amount of monies I sent was sufficient.

I would like a copy of "Post Mortem: JFK Assassination Coverup Smashed" for which I enclose \$30.00, I hope that will suffice.

Further to my suspicions concerning Mrs Ruth Paine - her concern for Marina Oswald, and for Lee Oswald, does seem to be, (or was) unduly generous. Also her behaviour on the 23rd, (the day following the assassination) I think was rather odd; leaving her home while it was in the process of being searched. Also her apparent willingness, (over willingness possibly) to allow her house to be searched on the day of the assassination, although to be fair she probably had no choice. There are other aspects of her character, since the assassination, which does not, (to me), seem to conform to my idea of a Quaker.

However, probably it is that I am sceptic!, I am suspicious of most things! At this point, it would be appropriate to thank you for your indulgence, concerning my observations(?), thank you. Could you comment on Walt Brown, and would recommend any of his books?

Yours sincerely
Derek F. Read.

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P.S. I have been obtaining photo-copies of certain pages, (which I think are of significant value), of various volumes of "The President's Commission into the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy: Hearings and Exhibits", from Cambridge University Library. I have simply submitted the appropriate volume(s), page, or pages, number, and I have received the correct requirement. This is most probably, and actually in fact, because there was only one publication.

But I would also like to acquire photo-copies from the "Report", I will decide what I require from books such as yours, but also from other writers, (D. Hilton etc.). But I would like to know which publication of the "Report" writers such as yourself refer to. That is when "R (page)" is quoted.

In case you should wonder, I have not been able to locate, (other than an abridged version), a copy of the "Report" from any British Library, (or other source). I am going to make enquiries when I am New York later this year, I'm hoping a book store in New York will stock a copy.

What I am hoping to do, is compare findings in the hearings, and how they were interpreted, (mis-interpreted would probably be more applicable) in the "Report".

Once again thank-you for your forbearance. Any other advice would be most acceptable.

Yours sincerely
Derek F. Read.

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P.P.S. In the bibliography of one of the books I have about the JFK assassination there is quoted the following sources of "The President's Commission on the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy: The Report"
Double Day,
McGraw-Hill,
Bantam,
Popular Library,
Associated Press,
and
Government Printing Office.
Would they be identical page for page etc., and correspond to the R (page) referencing you use in your books?

D. F. Reed.

I am considering writing to the

The Dallas County Historical Foundation for a copy of the "Report", do you think ~~you~~ this would be advisable, I know there were copies for sale when I was there, in 1994. I should have bought a copy then!

D. F. Reed.