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Dear Philip Reel,

Your letter shows good understanding for one of your years. And I do hear often from your generation.

I am sorry I cannot take the time for a full response to your questions, I am past 80, not well and there is much I want to do. I'm working on a new book that will be announced when it is ready. I have no idea when that will be. It will, I believe, address some of your questions. Others, as your question about how I got that death certificate, are answered in my books. That is in Post Mortem.

As a generality, the books that theorize a conspiracy and do not prove it with fact are not dependable, even when they have direct quotations of what seem to be good sources. The authors usually know little or nothing about the available fact of the assassination and not one has been here to use the third of a million pages I got from 13 Freedom of Information lawsuits and make available to all writers- which I know means those with whom I disagree. They imagine themselves Sherlock Holmses and they are not even Pink Panthers.

I do not know of a single one of the many theorized "solution" that is proven and tenable and you should have perceived that if any one is right all the others are wrong.

There are no leads to be followed to solve the crime. The crime itself was never officially investigated and wasn't intended to be. That is why there are no leads. And without legitimate leads private investigators can do nothing on the crime itself.

I meant what I said about the House assassins committee. I knew from my contact with them that they did not intend to run the political risk of criticizing the official mythology in any substantive way and I was the source of most of the stories critical of it during its life. And when they were finished they'd proven me right.

Please remember that whether or not there was a conspiracy, which none of the books other than mine prove with fact, does not identify those who conspired. When they are "named" that is made up.

The first of my books, which was the first on the Commission, got more than 100 international rejections, without an adverse editorial comment, so I decided to publish it myself. Publishers and reviewers do not like that. Nor do many bookstores. Some do buy from us and I've been mailing them for years, beginning in 1966. We have them all but two are available only in quality xeroxes, with durable bindings. Air-mail cost is prohibitive. Surface mail takes about a month. The charge is by the pound and there is generally a lower charge for more pounds in a package. I mean lower per-pound charge. All together will weight between 9 and 10 pounds. The post office can probably indicate the approximate cost.

You are absolutely correct: once is too much. The tentative title of the new book is NEVER AGAIN! Thanks and best wishes, Harold Weisberg

Harold Weisberg