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Dear Mr. Rowe,

Green ink on yellow paper is hard to read. Briefly, here are some answers:

Oswald did not know Abt. He knew from the public press that Abt was willing to defend uppopular beliefs, including Communist.

Abt had a weekend retreat and was there. Many people have and do this.

There is no evidence that and no reasonto believe they knew each other or that he had been promised any help Abt might give. The AVLU lawyers were at the jail, Oswald had said he'd accept them - at that moment was begging for them - and were told Oswald insisted he wanted no lawyer.

Most papers published the picture of the man in the doorway. It is probably the most published picture of the assassination. You will see much more of this in WHITEWASH II, which I hope will soon be available.

Oswald did not know Abt's lawyer. He was also denied a phone until after midnight. He had no need to call collect, if he did. He had more than $13.00 on him when arrested. Lawyer's phones are in the phone book.

Oswald subscribed to a number of periodicals by mail, oneof the reasons, apparently, he used P.O. boxes.

I believe you refer to the man accross the street who seems to be holding something. If you see one of the clearer versionsof the picture, it seems to be an umbrella.

When you have seen my new book, you will have fewer such questions.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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Mr. Weisberg:

I enjoyed your book so much (as I have the others that have been written about it)

Enclosed you will find a little pamphlet. Maybe you have already seen one like it, I don't know. I would like to add a few questions that apparently no one has asked.

If, as John Abt, had no knowledge of one L. H. Oswald, How did Oswald know him?

Why, why, was Abt "out of town" those days?

Was L. H. Oswald", left holding the bag, maybe previously promised, "he could count on Abt to help him?

Dulles was a former C. I. A. official

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Abt also is a known C. I. A. man.

pages - 13 - 15 - 33 - 186 - in "None Dare Call it Treason" — by John A. Stormer.

Was there "another reason" - why a famous, renowned, N. Y newspaper went "out of business" — or "merged"? Since they

were the ones who published the picture of the "Oswald in the doorway of the TB Depository building" theory —

Did someone really contact the Abt residence? If so - how did L. H. Oswald know his number, it must be registered somewhere - Did he use a pay phone? — If he called collect - it would be recorded - somewhere —
If Ruth Paine called — it also would be recorded, wherever it is.

If, as they say, it was the "militant" that Oswald was holding — where did he get it? Can you buy them on the newsstand? Was it a one lone copy?, no others in his home; If not — he wasn't a subscriber, where then would he get one lone copy?

If, as he said, he was a patsy for someone, they must have used him as a dupe - and he, believing they were, "get him out of it" —

whose hand? (he must have seen everything, on page 203 of your book) the man standing on curb - across from TBOB?

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as you see — I'm an avid reader,
have read everything I can get my hands
on —
I believe someone, is covering up for
someone, somewhere.
It's just all to obvious!

Please answer me if you have time.

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