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Mr. Charles Roberts
Newsweek

Dear Mr. Roberts,

Your letter of May 8 is not responsive to mine of the fourth.

You seem to address yourself to a very narrow misinterpretation of what I asked. The question is not simply of the past, for it is in the present that your book and you are being promoted. Nor is it only a matter of having a financial subsidy.

Should you address this, I am safe from your unrelieved record in presuming you and/or the role in which you have cast yourself or been cast will require famult. Do try and be more original. Certainly you should be capable of it, from the portions of your book if not your position.

For the record I note your nasty inference, more subtle than your paid for falsehood, that [redacted] come from "sources" other than myself and that it has "egregious misjudgments". You had an opportunity in your book to prove the latter and you made no attempt to, for you cannot. You have a standing opportunity to do it to my face and you do not. With this I add the challenge that you stipulate what events your McCarthyite mind can twist into a justification for the words "from the same sources who led you into such egregious misjudgments in Whitewash".

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

While appearing with you on that WOR radio show some time ago, it appeared to me that you were suffering delusions of persecution.

I now realize that your problem is more complicated than that. When you tell me you "hear" that THE TRUTH ABOUT THE ASSASSINATION was a "subsidized" book, I realized that you are a victim of hallucinations as well. From whom do you "hear" it? From the same sources who led you into such egregious misjudgments in Whitewash?

Rest assured that THE TRUTH ABOUT THE ASSASSINATION was not subsidized in any way, shape, or manner. In fact, I suggest that you take a long, long rest--until you recover from the McCarthy-like idea that all the world is aplotting against you and that you alone are the possessor of truth.

Sincerely,

Charles Roberts