Dear Johann, 3/19/86

as I believe I wrote you, the present state of my health precludes any unnecess. correspondence. I'd certainly not answer any more like your childish & self-important 3/17.

The book is Henry Hart's, not mine. He did not ask me to refer him to any others and I didn't take that liberty.

I did read & comment on most of the ms. I did not know of the Easterling crap until the book was out.

As he indicated, we had ~~[illegible]~~ strong disagreements, all over the last part of his book.

Including the still from your footage. Except for the one man who seems to be looking at the leaflet, I identified all the ~~others~~ others, by name, from the ~~[illegible]~~ disclosed official ~~records~~ records.

To the best of my recollection, and after recent developments in my life & health I can't be 100% sure, I said that such conclusions could not be drawn from a still in any event, that the footage itself had to be examined, & as I recalled it that one man can be seen walking up from the Canal st side & being handed what he is holding. I am pretty sure that I also told him and/or his research assistant that I had a number of consistent descriptions of the man with Oswald other than Steele, and that this man could not be the one.

You know from personal experience that I spend a fairly considerable amount of time trying to help those with whom I do not agree, & without any charges or fees. Like you, ingrate.

So, if you have any more such ~~[illegible]~~ baseless and I suggest also demeaning - complaints, they belong in the circular file you take and with you.

For shame!

Harold

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March 17, 1986 (same address, but new zip code)

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Dear Harold:

I think it is unusually odd that Henry Hurt relied so much on your information and research material, yet you must have never suggested to him that he talk to me about my knowledge of Oswald in New Orleans. Here I am, in Hattiesburg, just as available as Mr. Easterling (and willing to talk for for a price that is considerably less than what Easterling charged), yet Hurt asked me no questions about Oswald.

You know and I know that some of the people in the Pizzo Exhibit #453-A (photo of Oswald at Trade Mart) have been identified, and you know that I took the picture. You also know that the FBI and Secret Service tried to identify the "unidentified" young men in the photo. Yet Hurt published the photo in his book and said in the caption: "There has been no known official effort to make an identification."

Even though his statement, "Though Mr. Weisberg often expressed sharp disagreement with my approach to certain aspects of the case..." seems to get you off the hook, he could not have put your name in the "Acknowledgments" without your approval.

I find it extremely amusing that Hurt says that right after the assassination Easterling drove to within 20 miles of <u>your</u> farm and "cracked a safe" in Hagerstown. Surely, Harold, <u>you</u> weren't involved in the assassination plot with Easterling, were you?

Johann