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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Sir:

I have just completed reading your book "Whitewash". Although I had many minor suspicions concerning the "Warren Report" your book has left me numb. Numb and also sick inside that such a man as was President Kennedy should be so treated by the trusted members of his cabinet.

I had not heard of your book until the evening you appeared on the Allan Burke show. My wife and I were greatly impressed by your adept handling of the many lawyers present. My impression of your performance was that here is a man that speaks the truth, for why else could not one lawyer of the very many present, either trap you, answer you, or in any way throw the shadow of doubt on anything you said.

I have also written to my congressman, requesting that he read a copy of your book, and if possible to answer some of the questions as to why evidence was suppressed.

I am not optimistic enough to believe that the congress or any other arm of the government will ever open the case again. I do believe that possibly funds could be raised by private individuals to finance an honest investigation of the many cloudy aspects of the case. Possibly public opinion could be aroused in this manner. If you know of any group that might be interest in this venture, or that could be formed, I would be honored to be a supporter and contributor.

In closing I wish to tell you that you are a person of rare courage , and it coforts me to know that the pen can still be wielded by honesty and integrity.

Kind regards,

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Dear Mr. Ssley,

Letters like yours mean much to me. I wish I could make longer answer.

At this point nothing can quite do what the Warren Commission might have done. All the alternatives have liabilities. I believe if an effort is made to organize a citizens' committee, the time is not now, for too few people have any inkling of the truth. Also, the doctrine of some of the other writing may not be conducive to it.

Eventually, there must be some kind of official proceeding.

For myself, I am continuing my work, which includes a sequel about a third drafted and almost entirely researched. It will tell who did the whitewashing, which I believe is the next step in the right direction.

Mr. Arthur Price, President of the Penna. Gen'l Paper Co., 225 West 34th., NYC, believes a foundation might be established to continue my work, which we have been doing entirely alone and entirely without income. A young lawyer who also heard the Burke show has the same idea and when he phoned I put him in touch with Mr. Price. There are also others working in the field. Eventually, I believe all the work will have value in all ways and in a university archive. There is still evidence that can be collected, aside from the always undependable eyewitness accounts that some favor. I have obtained some of the unused official documentation and will give it meaning. I also have much more on pictures and some of the altered pictures.

In our society, writing a Congressman is always a right step, whether or not it accomplishes anything, immediately.

Thank you for your kind and thoughtful letter. Any suggestions you may in the future have may be of value. The Burke show, incidentally has had a marvelous effect. It served to demonstrate who the responsible are and who the irresponsible, and it is leading to a "special" which will be mild, but again, goes the right way and is a necessary first. There is already a possibility of a second. Alas, I am but one man! But it must all begin with an informed public.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg