

Dear Mr. Swindells,

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Thanks for your letter and its enclosures, which did not include yours to Stokes. Do not bother sending it. His response is enough.

On your goal to get as many books as you can, many will deceive and mislead you, those presenting theories as solutions. Most of what is represented as fact in some isn't fact at all. So read critically.

I believe you are correct in saying there is no hard evidence that Oswald fired a shot.

I agree with you on the history books and hear about them from young people using them with the same complaint.

In your 2/12 to The Economist, the doctors at the autopsy did see the head wounds. One is shown, rather two, on the chart.

What Stokes did not tell you is that those of his committee's records that originated in executive agencies are available under FOIA and about 85,000 pages have been released.

The committee's own records hold no smoking guns. Except pointing at it for the bad and dishonest job it did.

Sorry I've no time for more.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg



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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I spoke with you on Feb. 9 about your books and about who to believe and not to believe in the JFK assassination case. Although I possess Sylvia Meagher's 'Accessories After The Fact' I find my library to be short of material. My goal is to obtain as many books as possible concerning the facts as we know them. I've enclosed \$43.46 which I hope will cover the cost for Whitewash I, II and III. I plan to get the others later. My wife already thinks I've gone off the deep end on this but I'm afraid she hasn't seen anything yet.

I've enclosed a book review from The Economist you may be interested in. Also there are two letters written by me and one I received from Congressman Stokes after I urged him to press for a release of all the files under lock and key. If you have the time could you tell me if there are any factual mistakes in my letters. For instance, I have been making a point that there is no hard evidence that Oswald fired anything on Nov. 22, 1963. Isn't that true? Is there any reason why the majority of Warren Report critics I have heard never attempt to point out this lack of hard evidence? I sometimes think I either miss hearing from the right critics or there's a lot I don't know about this case (this is true no matter which way you look at it).

There is one thing that really angers me and makes me pick up my pen and fire off another letter. When I read something like "Oswald, Kennedy's assassin...", as if it were a foregone conclusion, I bring to the attention of the author that Oswald is the alleged assassin. I start to boil when I read it in so-called history books. I am a firm believer in quality education for our kids and their kids. If we can't be honest with them about the most serious crime in our nation's history, they have every right to disbelieve everything we say.

That is all for now. Hope I didn't bore you. I am willing to bet that your frustration over the decades surpasses mine tenfold. Looking forward to reading your books.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Swindells:

Thank you for your letter urging the release of the sealed files in the John F. Kennedy investigation by the House Select Committee on Assassinations, of which I served as Chairman.

This is to advise you that, when the Committee which I chaired completed its work in the investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, we released 12 volumes of information regarding our investigation, which were available to the American public. Additionally we held in excess of fifteen days of nationally publicized and televised hearings of the results of our investigation. With regard to the assassination of President Kennedy, our committee began its work thirteen years after the death of the President.

The records pertaining to our committee's investigation were sealed by the House of Representatives, in accordance with a rule of the House of Representatives concerning unpublished House Committee Records. These records were not sealed pursuant to any effort to conceal any of the facts and circumstances pertaining to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.


I deem it unfortunate that people are being led to believe that the records sealed by the House of Representatives pertaining to our investigation have covered up facts pertaining to the assassination of the President. I also deem it a disservice to our committee to have its good work impugned by persons who have never read or studied our publicly released reports and who are led to believe that any information not contained in our reports in some way covers up government involvement in the assassination of the President. Indeed, it is unfortunate that most people have not taken the time to read the results of our investigation which were printed by the United States Government Printing Office and made available to the public.

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Consequently I am now in the process of initiating action in the House and Senate, to release not only the records of the committee which I chaired but also records of other committees and agencies which have sealed records pertaining to the assassination of the President. I am proceeding as expeditiously as possible with the hope that the release of such records can be accomplished in the current Congress.

I appreciate your taking the time to express your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,



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