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Dear Mr. Striso,

Your letter of October 14 is interesting. I did hate the kind of publishing difficulties you gather. It was not pleasant, not has my experience at the hands of those publishers who subsequently did books on this subject been what I like to live with. The truth about the Popkin book is worse than your kindess toward it.

A makeup man who knew her tells me that just before her death Dorothy Kilgallen told him she was going to do something about this case. Penn Jones, Jr., is a brave man, especially for Texas today. He probably knows more about the strange deaths of people connected with the assassination than anyone. I have great respect for him. The suicide you mentioned is indeed odd, and sometime when you feel you can say more about it I'd like to know what you can tell.

The Channel 5 show is done. It was taped the night of August 29 and the morning of the 30th. I imagine we taped about four and a half actual hours. When last I spoke to the people there they had cut it to 3:15 and were going to cut it to 3:00. There is little of Ruby on it because we all agreed in advance to certain topics that would be discussed because the field is so vast had we not there would have been chaos.

I hope you are right about a break coming soon. I feel that way, but there is so much involved it is really difficult to form an opinion based upon probability. I agree that the story is moving fast, very fast, but the "folk heros" are not without power and influence.

Senator Dodd is not alone. I made a number of efforts along the same line with others in both Houses and accomplished nothing. For them the situation is still too dangerous. I believe, however, that most Members have little doubt that the Report is invalid. This may be true of most of them.

Without doubt there are and have been hazards. We have suffered only minor harassment. No threats. But I have not directly addressed myself to the solution of the crime. To be accepted, that would, I feel require an official function of some sort. This in WHITEWASH I set out to prove only that the expected job had not been done and must be, entirely in public and preferably by Congress. To justify this I had to destroy the major conclusions of the Report. This I believe I did with only the official evidence. I am not aware of any subsequent work that adds materially to what I did, save in circulation/ All the others together do not approximate the content of my book. In the sequel I set out to add to this revelation and to show who did the whitewashing. The tentative title is WHITEWASH II: WHO DID IT! It may apply some of the pressure you refer to, and in just those kinds of areas.

When last I heard from the WNEW people they planned for us to get together in NYC some time prior to the airing. They may plan certain public relations activities of which I am not aware. Perhaps at that time we can, as you suggest, get together. If I know in advance I'll drop you a line. ~~Perhaps we can then get together as you suggest.~~ It might be interesting.

Thanks for taking the time to write nice things. Sincerely, Harold Weisberg

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October 14, 1966

Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Recently one of my research associates who had completed some work in Mexico ran across someone who called her attention to your book. Somehow in the press of my work I was unable to get a copy. Recently while flying up to Toronto I noticed a passenger who was reading your book and I was able to spend some time studying its contents. Checking around New York on my return from Canada I have been unable to locate a copy but a bookstore in Fifth Avenue had some on order. Incidently the sales clerk told me that the day following your last television appearance he sold over 300 copies. I mentioned the fact that you were going to appear on Channel 5 at 9 P.M. Saturday, November 12th. As a result of this information he told me he was going to put in a larger order.

From what I could gather from our conversation and from my observation of the copy I saw which was printed in offset I gathered that you had some difficulty in publishing your book. Apparently you took the bull by the horns and published it yourself.

Having read most of the material published on the subject of the assassination I consider your book one of the best and most useful in unearthing the truth behind the whitewash! I note with interest a book (paperback by Avon) published " The Second Oswald " by Richard H. Popkin and being kind to him I must say that he leans heavily on your book and Epstein's " Inquest. " In 1964 Prior to the publication of " Who Killed Kennedy " I duscussed a simillar thesis with Tom Buchanan. In fact Tom used some of the material I supplied in his book. Another fine reporter with whom I have been communicating is Joachim Joesten whose " Oswald: Assassin or Fall Guy? " is duplicated by much of the material that is appearing on the subject. Joesten has some interesting theories and had me chasing one of the Oswalds in Greenwich Village. I ran across a number of F.B.I. trails which indicates that they too considered the multiple Oswald theory. Doors slammed and people lost their memories to such an extent that it seemed like I was living in Orwell's 1984 or do we ?

Without becoming tenuous I encountered some unbelievable problems in my attempts to get a book published. You are apparently fully aware of this situation.

Strange as it seems my material is concerned with only a small portion of the Warren Commission Report. I accept your thesis as I accepted it some months after the assassination when I discussed the matter with Dorothy Killgallen.

Incidently while on the subject of Dorothy Killgallen I note with some interest that one of the participants on your forthcoming television discussion is Penn Jones, editor of the Midlothian Mirror has an interesting thesis regarding the deaths of persons who have become involved in areas of this case. I know of a number who have either died or disappeared. One such person with whom I talked and whi I feel is extremely important in establishing the motivation for the crime talked to me over the phone a few days before suicide. Some of the conversation involved the purchase of a house in Washington D. C. which is certainly not the kind of thoughts a potential suicide generates.

My own line of enquiry started in 1960 when I was personally involved in a research for a television documentary I eventually produced dealing with the subject of Red China and Cuba. The total conspiracy has many tentacles which reach into areas which should have concerned the Warren Commission. One of the links involving a talk with a witness who appeared before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee led to an interesting warning not to try to break this complicated case by myself. A simtilar warning came indirectly from a man who is highly placed in the F.B.I. A comment on a line of enquiry being that there was some considerable personal danger involved! Right in the Warren Report itself one finds a reference to a possible involvement of Jack Ruby in one of the earlier tenacles of this complicated conspiracy. Bits and pieces coming from Melvin Belli most certainly substantiate this interesting thesis. I would imagine that recent developments regarding Ruby's trial will be a subject of your discussion on channel 5.

It is my feeling that the story is moving very fast and could be broken this year. I doubt if it will come a break regarding Oswalds possible accomplice at the scene. Too many of the cast are in suspended animation. Unfortunately or fortunately I was put into close contact through my film work who had the brains and the motivation to trigger the events which concerning us all. If my thesis is correct a full disclosure will be earth shaking to say the least.....a few American folk heroes will have to tumble.

Subject to legalities confronting publishers and not having signed confessions in hand the final break is going to have to be ingenious to say the least. I can assure you that such a drive will be confronted by obstacles. Senator Thomas Dodd who in the past appeared in one of my films and who usually responds to my correspondence cut me off cold when I tried to lead him along one of the routes involving the conspiracy. Later he responded to a communication in another area but absolutely would not touch the other matter.

My informat who appeared before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee warned me not to try to break the story lone as it was too much for one person. At this point I am inclined to agree! There is a need for a combination of informed persons acting independently of official pressures to tackel the total problem. It is my feeling that if pressure is put on several sensitive areas at one time that a break could be forthcoming in a short period of time. I believe that you are one of the sincere researchers in this field. I note with some interest the theme of the dedication to your work. As a father of a three and a half year old son I find myself motivated by similiar considerations. If suggestions that a conspiracy did exist are valid then we find our whole way of life threatened.

It is my feeling that a possible meeting prior to your appearing on the Channel 5 program might prove mutually profitable. I assure you that your time will not be wasted.

In closing I can only state that one of the most important and unalienable rights we have left in our coming world of 1984 is the right to the truth! I assure you that this is the primary motivation for this letter and my continuing research into this unusually important matter.

Sincerely,

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