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Mr. Ed. Rodgers
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Dear Ed Rodgers,

I write because I do not want you to think that the Monday Post piece represents any real departure from what I offered with you with regard to my current FOI suit, C.A.226-75, for the JFK assassination scientific tests. I did phone you when a combination of unforeseen circumstances required that I say something. You did not answer at home. I did leave a message for you at the office, I think Friday or Saturday of last week.

When you did not return my call and George Lardner, who has also been interested, phone me, I told him what the Post carried. He did that story Sunday, on his own time.

I went to New York University law school for an appearance and speech 4/24. By the time I got there I was pretty sick, pneumonia and pleurisy. A press conference had been announced and arranged for on Friday morning, 4/25. I had to go through with it although I was running a 102° fever. In the course of explaining why I felt I could not say much about this suit I apparently rambled into some of what I had not expected to say. I did not become aware of this until toward the end of last week, when I got some calls on it. Apparently UPI had something on the radio wire.

Then by accident I got wind of a plan for some of those who have been promoting themselves and their professions, which they cannot advertise, to rip some of this stuff off. With them, and I know them and their attitude and prejudices pretty well, I also feared misuse. I therefore felt that in order to keep all of this within reasonable bounds and in some relationship with reality and to let it be known that they were engaged in self-promotion with work not theirs, I had to get a record of this established before their press conference.

As I remember it I learned of this coming conference Friday, from a New York magazine and after that I phoned you.

It appears that my limited efforts were of some success in that there was no distorted use of the contents of those pages I have received. I had asked one of these experts to be a witness for me and in March had sent him the first of the papers. I have no answer to that letter and no return of what I sent him. Actually, I had spoken to him about this last October.

Because the local doctor had not released me for any travel then I was not able to be at the calendar hearing Judge Pratt held last Friday. He appears to have directed the government to make response under oath to questions we delivered in writing. The next calendar hearing is to be 5/21. I take it that we should have what response they will make prior to then.

The judge also seems to have been very well backgrounded in the legislative history of the amendments as they relate to this case.

U.S. News and World Report has picked up on this. They phoned me yesterday. If you are interested I can read you what I read to them by phone, Kelley's letter on what was subjected to neutron activation analysis. It carefully excluded what had to have definitive answer for the government's case on the entire assassination to hang together. There was no NAA testing of any clothing to determine whether or not the so-called magic bullet struck both men. Nor of one of the fragments found on the front seat.

Sincerely,
Harold Weisberg