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Dear Dan,

Checking on the missing files, which proved fruitless last week, worked well this p.m. when I found them in Rockville, a large town between here and Washington. I'm writing so you will not be concerned. Sorry I had to trouble you.

With the informality sometimes possible in the country, by going not to the town of which our Postoffice at Hyattstown is a substation, but to another town six miles off the direct route, I am getting it when I mail this. Lesson: The Rockville Post Office had a truck going there and they have already put the package on it.

So, I have a fifteen rather than a 50 mile trip, and I'll have what I need to take to NYC with me in the early a.m.

Should you develop an interest in the Manchester pieces, please let me know. Although I am, I believe, entirely alone in having predicted his books would be an additional and great scandal, the first excerpting makes me fear I underestimated the magnitude of it. I know from his nearly public statements that he would be wrong on the fact of the assassination, and it is this upon which I based my prediction and those things I did. What I did not anticipate is the total malevolence with which he approached his self-appointed role as sycophant. The late President is not above his besmirching.

I discussed this with the national desk of the Washington Post late last Spring - even slightly the previous winter, without being believed. Now the Post editorializes (January 13) of the first Look serialization that it is "neither biography...nor history... a highly personal, subjective, biased and even inaccurate account of a tragic period." And this from a pro-Kennedy, pre-Warren Commission paper.

Should you be interested, I believe it would be worthwhile trying to get a copy of the Dallas Times-Herald for 11/21/63, for I am confident that Manchester invented its front page. The Commission 'R39-40) refers to no map printed in that edition nor, to the best of my recollection, to even a description of the route. I go into this in Chapter 3 of WHITEWASH.

Anyway, again my thanks for your kindnesses and my apologies for the trouble. Hope Madigen got a good reaction and was satisfied.

Sincerely,

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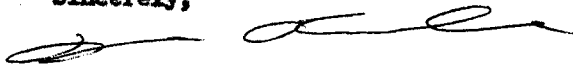
Dear Mr. Chesneau:

Enclosed is our CBS check for \$79.17 for the American Airlines ticket of author Harold Weisberg, which we had agreed to pay when we spoke with Mr. Weisberg on January 3.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Weisberg and want to remind him that I am rushing to his Hyattstown address the white leather file folder he mistakenly left in our studio. (I also want to thank Mr. Weisberg for making the effort to come in for our AT RANDOM show. Already this morning I had five callers asking about a transcript of Mr. Weisberg's comments. I have told them all that they may get full details from the books "Whitewash" and "Whitewash II.")

Thanks greatly for arranging the air ticket so promptly,
Mr. Chesneau.

Sincerely,



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