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Confidential

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Hon. Earl Warren  
The Supreme Court  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Warren,

For the past several months I have considered writing you. The immediate factor causing me to write is the story in this morning's Washington Post quoting Senator Russell's forthcoming interviews. However, what made me consider writing you again is the result of my continuing investigation of the political assassinations and what I have reason to expect will flow therefrom.

I first wrote you in early 1966. The letter accompanied a copy of my first book on the work of the Commission you headed and the subject of its investigation. When you did not see fit to respond, I addressed you no further. If you kept that book, I think you will better understand my thinking and this letter if you will read "A Word About Investigations," but three pages long (WHITEWASH, pp. xviii ff).

Since then I have brought out three books of which you may or may not know and have more than this volume ready for publication. In addition, I have an enormous amount of unpublished material.

I now have, in my possession, the most basic evidence that was withheld from you. You could not have had it and signed the Report that bears your name. Therefore, it was denied you.

It is my belief that you were, without awareness, manipulated, that your name was traded upon. I think I can give you a reasonably convincing case of this, all in official documents. I can put in your hands official proof of the destruction of evidence and of the essence of that evidence. I have established what I believe is a solid case of the most fundamental perjury and, I am confident, its subornation. If I thought for one minute you had been party to any of this, it should be obvious I would not be writing you.

I write you in confidence, as lawyers and writers understand this. In writing you in this fashion I demonstrate my trust in you. It will be a simple matter for you to learn whether you can trust me. My purpose is to suggest that you meet with me and let me tell or show you what I now have. I ask, in return, only that you assure me you will mention it to nobody, directly or indirectly, without my assent. In turn, I promise to say nothing of anything you might say at such a meeting without your sanction. Further, to protect yourself, I suggest that you tape record our conversation so that you can have an unquestionable record of anything and everything I say and represent.

There are several reasons impelling me to ask your word that what I tell you will go no further. The most obvious one is that it is the result of my own, very considerable labor that I want to use first and in what I regard as

the proper context. To give you an indication of the extent of my work, from the time of issuance of your Report to now, I have spent an average of 16-17 hours a day on it. Also, I am continuing my investigations, and I want nothing to interfere with that. My work has not been financially rewarding, quite the contrary, as the president of my bank can tell you. I do it in what I conceive to be the national interest.

you,  
I believe, though it may seem incongruous to ~~it~~ it is also very much to your personal interest. While I cannot and will not say wrong is right, I can, will and have said how wrong came to be done, have said and will be saying more by whom. If I am the author of the first book critical of the work of your Commission, I think I am also the closest thing you have to a defender. Those sycophants who say what is acceptable, based upon no knowledge at all, certainly will not have protected your name in the future. Only truth and fact can accomplish that.

Assuming as I do that you believed in your Report when you signed it, I also assume you may find it difficult to credit me or this letter. I approach my 57th year, long enough to establish a character. If you want references to assure yourself that I am an honorable man with honorable intentions, I will supply them, from my bank to the Senate. If you have a question of the genuineness and significance of the evidence I have, perhaps you would trust the judgement of the Washington staff of the London Times, particularly Mr. Ian Mac Donald but also Mr. Louis Heren. Mr. Mac Donald has read much of my unpublished work and has studied these documents. Mr. Heren has seen some of the documents. My senator's brother-in-law and law partner knows me and has seen some of this evidence. On both counts I am confident I can provide you advance assurances.

If you think I serve some sinister end, in addition to recording our meeting, if you agree to it, I also offer to submit to a search, should you desire this. You will ask nothing reasonable of me to which I will not accede.

How much time will be required I leave to you. I think I can satisfy any doubts you may have in much less than a half hour, but I also think if you see me you will want to devote more time than this to it.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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