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Dear Miss Bizzios,

Generally, I am aware of the career of Peter Hurkos. There was something in the papers about him the time of the assassination, but I have forgotten the details. If he said Oswald had not acted alone he was right in that no one man could have committed the crime and wrong on the basis of the best evidence available, which shows Oswald could not have fired that rifle.

However, I'd like to have as complete a record as is available of what he said and believed, even if the prospects of my doing anything with it at this particular moment are slight. I'm behind schedule on WHITEWASH III, finding more and more the need to use the available radio and TV time, and wanting very much to get on to another book I laid aside to do WHITEWASH II. I call it "A Tiger To Ride: The Untold Story of the Cuba Missile Crisis".

Whether or not I can use any information I have, I am in touch with others also working in the field and make information available to them.

Oddly, I believe I met Miss Wiley casually last year when I was at Look. When you are in touch with her, if you'd ask her to note the incidents as carefully and in as much detail as she can I'd appreciate it.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Weisberg

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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I am a graduate student in History at the University of Wisconsin. I have always been interested in the Kennedy assassination and always wished I could be of some help in solving it. From reading your WHITEWASH II (and seeing you in person when you came to Wisconsin on December 8) I was pleased to find out that you check into some leads readers write in to you.

I don't know how much time I have left, since it has always been quite vague to me too, but I can find out everything more accurately (dates, names, places, etc.) if you feel it is worth the while.

Right after the assassination, a week later, on the following week-end, my girl friend Susan Wiley said she had a secret she wanted me to share. It was oppressively burdensome and she could no longer live with it alone. So she told me.

She is from New Berlin, Wisconsin, a suburb of Milwaukee--she was also a brilliant student in philosophy and English of near Phi Beta Kappa quality. Both her parents are graduates of the University of Wisconsin. It seems that her father was friends with another New Berlin resident (at that time), one PETER HURKOS, a naturalized American of Dutch origin commonly known as a psychic. He has been widely written of in newspapers and magazines, including LIFE, and TWILIGHT ZONE, the TV program, had one show based on his life story. This Peter Hurkos has often been used by various police departments throughout the country to help them with unsolved murders. The most famous case he was involved with was that of the Boston strangler.

This Peter Hurkos told Mr. Wiley, Susan's father, that the day after the assassination, Saturday, November 23, 1963, he received a call from what I recall to have been one of the

Chiefs of Staff, asking him if he could please come to Washington to answer certain questions they wanted to ask him about Kennedy's death. They flew a plane out to Mitchell Field, the Milwaukee Airport, and brought him to Washington. There he met with military top brass, Joint Chiefs, McNamara, etc. He told them Oswald had not acted alone, but there were 12 top men in the conspiracy to kill the President. This is all that Susan knew of the case, but it was very impressive because she knew for a fact that Hurkos, a family friend, had been taken to Washington by government plane. Also, the idea of a conspiracy at a time (one week after the assassination) when no one thought of it really shook both of us. Neither she nor I have ever mentioned this to anyone else up to now.

Later more happened to lend credibility to her story. On December 8, 1963, Peter Hurkos was arrested in Milwaukee (of the location I am not sure--it also might have been December 1964) for posing as an FBI agent. His reply was that he was investigating the assassination of President Kennedy. This episode was widely publicized in Wisconsin papers of the time. Hurkos was tried; I didn't follow the proceedings very accurately, but the whole affair seemed rather murky. He was predictably acquitted, and has since moved away from Milwaukee.

As I said, this episode is true. The first and only time I have ever heard it was three years ago, Susan Wiley is now working in New York City for LOOK magazine. If you are interested, I could send you her address. She is quite willing to co-operate, and she could be much more precise about the details, some of which may be erroneous as stated by me. As for Mr. Hurkos, he is quite a public personality, and his arrest and trial for impersonating an FBI agent are a matter of public record which can be found in the Milwaukee Journal issues of the time.

I truly hope this, as obscure and as far-fetched as it may

sound, may help or prove in some way of interest to you. I would appreciate hearing from you one way or another. I truly think this might be an important lead. Perhaps Mr. Hurkos could supply you with names. Best of luck to you on your WHITEWASH III.

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