

Dear Harold -

Received your book today.
It's a grand job.

I'll read it carefully.

Should like to meet you
soon.

What's the forecast for the
"thing" in New Orleans?

Will the trial come off or
will Shaw disappear from this
planet? Keep up the work -

Sincerely
Joe Gelbust

ML

8/14/67

Dear Joe,

Thanks for thoughtful letter, check.

Subtitle: space is problem.

You'll see more in the New Orleans book. Garrison is going farther, I suspect, with O's training, for I've heard him say he got the Russian instruction in Atsugi, Japan. I think he got his accent before he got to USSR and still wonder at Polish-accented Russian.

I think you'll find a prima facie case that O was an agent in Oswald in New Orleans, which Parallellex is publishing for me.

Thanks for the thoughtfulness of the envelope. I'm working on entirely different materials now, all from the official evidence, and of these I have no extra copies.

The Parallellex edition will be less expensive, but without the 300plus page appendix of official documents I'd planned. It should reach a larger audience than I can, although their normal distributor will not touch this subject. If your bookstores do not have it in a month, get after them.

Parallellex is 231 East 51, NYC.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

Box 232
Davis, Oklahoma, 73030

Mr. Harold Weisberg
Hyattstown, Md. 20734

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Thank you for sending me your latest book, PHOTOGRAPHIC WHITEWASH, SO PROMPTLY. Enclosed herewith is a check for \$5.10 in payment.

-publisher

Should you have a printer soon, may I offer a suggestion: Why not change the subtitle ~~xxx~~ slightly as follows:

PHOTOGRAPHIC
WHITEWASH
suppression of
Kennedy Assassination
pictures.

Also, have the printer run some pictures even those ^{which were} in the other Whitewash books. There could be very many who will purchase your third or fourth volumes and who had not bought or heard of your first two books... at the time of their purchase.

I have noticed very clear photos in articles authored by Sylvia Meagher and others in Minority of One, edited by a M. Arnoni in Passaic, New Jersey. Warren report or "Hearings" pictures in some instances could be run. ..since these are public property. Why not get at least ten or twenty of all kinds of photos particularly those of leftwing journals and those in the public domain. O.K. so the best ones have been suppressed ...but all photos have not been suppressed.

You see, when one receives your book now and reads the title "PHOTOGRAPHIC WHITEWASH; suppressed Kennedy Assassination pictures" the reader immediately expects to see some nifty pictures which have been suppressed until Harold Weisberg dug them out! It's a letdown. You're too important in our country now, Harold, for you not to correct this.

Should you soon have a paperback printed, please send me a copy since our local newsstands could miss getting it.

Of course there's such a wealth of material in the Warren Comm. files, etc., but assuming we accept yours and others' arguments that much of the evidence never did find itself into the official files and were destroyed "in the hope that the truth would be 'buried' forever" just why, Harold, is it absolutely necessary then to limit yourself so doggedly to the Warren files only? You more than proved your point in your first two books, i.e., that the Warren Files themselves damn the Warren Comm. conclusions.

By the way, I suspected from the first announcements of the New ~~XXXXX~~ Orleans' business that you and possibly also, Penn Jones helped Garrison. Good work! The country will be grateful. At least I hope that my country will have the decency.

But as you intimated, maybe our country no longer possesses the moral integrity to have concern, compassion and will to want the right and decent things. And, what's worse, perhaps, the majority of our people now regard the old moralistic sentiments as showing weakness and cowardice...and a tendency to Socialism or Communism.
as if

But you and others are behaving, and I hope to include myself among those, that there is still hope and time to save this people. And even should this fight be defeated for the nonce it is still worth the candle.

One avenue of research which to my mind could be very valuable is the training of Oswald in boot camp and immediately afterward. This training schedule could be checked by examining the training company's records. The marksmanship aspect has been checked and rechecked but something more important could have been overlooked. The item of elementary Russian language instruction offers great possibilities to trace down the fact that Oswald was a secret agent before he went to the USSR. He could have been groomed to be a defector to resurface at a propitious time to his guides.

Allow a digression to illustrate. I say that the military is very slow to change or adapt to changing circumstances.

Example: During War II, I was sent to a university to study foreign areas and languages. Although I was then extremely poor in handling Russian and was about to elect French and Spanish, high officials insisted that I study Russian. I reflex declined and elected French. (After the war I studied Russian.) Point I'm making is that although Russia and the USA were officially allies, our leaders still feared the Soviets more than they did the Nazis.

Example: For a time I was a medical soldier (perhaps in punishment for making the wrong choice?) and had to study the medical manual prepared in the days when horses were the main power supply. There was a section on how to stack horse manure properly. And though we were in the armoured division we had to study the chapter and answer questions as to the proper procedure on stacking horse manure! And no horses anywhere even for demonstration.

((Fortunately, I was later put in the G2 corps anyway.))

I believe it probable that the Marines get (or got) elementary Russian language instruction on the level of: "Me-American - you-Russian?" and the very apt pupils were selected for greater things. I, myself, had to give "ten minute" lectures to troops ONCE to ~~xxxxxx~~ each group on "How to Speak French"! It was asinine but I didn't dare point this out to the ruling colonel and proceeded to my task. I told them (the troops) how to count to ten in French. So I insist that since we were asked to study unnecessary sanitation methods even to the point of the ridiculous and that the paranoia of our military vis a vis the Russians still exists, Oswald had his Russian lessons. He, then, showed a flair and was selected for the long term job. The fact that he offered publicly radar secrets to the Russians and went unpunished proves something to me. Why, just a couple of months ago some US sergeant received thirty years for giving secrets to the Soviets. Not to mention the execution of the Rosenbergs some years ago on charges which recently were proved to be baseless.

Suppose the military refuse giving up the records? The information is still easy to get. Simply find an ex-marine who went through boot training in the same camp preferably but not stringently in the same batallion , group, company or pricise time as Oswald. Heck, if ~~in~~ 1942 army officers were still looking for horse manure under tanks and trucks, I wouldn't be surprised that at the boot camp of Oswald, if need be, average training ~~xxxxxx~~ records (or accounts thereof) for the years from 1955 to 1962 would be suitable to illustrate our point. Nice to get Oswald's , though.

Prove Oswald an agent and everything is proved.

Hope Jim Garrison can do this.

Good luck to you and all of us...we need it

Cordially

Joe Zeleniak
Joe Zeleniak

P.S. If you have spare leaflets, brochures or clips on the assassination of material not generally known , or gullfey proofs of some of your work, I'd be glad to check them for factual errors especially with regard to matters Soviet or Russian language.

P.S.S. I know that you are busy , but please, if you can, use the self addressed envelope to note (1) receipt of my letter and (2) to enclose any spare clips or items for my unofficial interest. I'd be interested in any speculations which you probably would not like to print before thorough checking.

ML

WBBM

Hyattstown, Md. 20734
1/12/67

Dear Joe,

Your letter arrived on time. I've just been unable to answer it, I'm that far behind on everything. So this must be brief.

Your conjectures and theories are interesting and in part I agree with their possibility. I think, though, you've missed the most likely. I do not permit myself these luxuries, save when I'm sleepless abed. I stick to the record, which I think for now is the only viable approach.

I'm sending your dope on Russell to Penn Jones today.

The editing of tapes occurred long ago. Another is the elimination of any showing of Oswald's claim to have been a patsy. Also some of the doctors's interviews with TV reporters.

The idea of advertising for photos is good. I spoke to ~~man~~ a man some place in the San Francisco area last night. I was broadcasting to KCBS by phone and he phoned in. He has pictures of the front of the building and others that I'd love to see. He was cut off, accidentally, in the station. He promised to send them, I doubt he does. The climate is not yet ripe. People are more anxious to live than to get pittances. I have been in touch, by mail, with people in Dallas who have pictures. They suddenly stop writing. You are quite right. I can be vitally important. But I think that until the subject opens more, there is little chance, save by a sudden emotional response, and there have been a few of these.

Sending the two books to Chaskovskii today.

Much obliged.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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January 4, 1967

Phone. Area 405
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Mr. Harold Weisberg
Hyattstown, Maryland
20734

Dear Harold,

Thank you for your prompt delivery of Whitewash II.

I enjoyed the privilege of our telephone conversation and also the programs on WBBM, Chicago.

The demise of Ruby certainly complicates matters but perhaps not too seriously. By the way, you and Mr. Penn Jones, Jr., may be interested in an added fact to the string of deaths. A Mr. Harold Russell, an important witness mentioned in the REPORT and in several books critical of the REPORT with regard to the murder of Officer Tippit, died here in Davis, Oklahoma on July 28, 1965, of a very quick and unexpected heart attack. ----

Mr. Russell was a long time resident of Davis, Oklahoma, who just happened to be with the Reynolds used car outfit in Dallas and he with some others witnessed the scene of Tippit's murder.

Another "by the way" and a seemingly strange coincidence but on viewing the TV news and the inevitable scene of Jack Ruby killing Oswald, I was very cognizant of the fact that the scene where Oswald expresses great surprise on his visage apparently was deleted, i.e., the place where Oswald SEEMS to recognise Ruby but that up to the moment was merely a CONJECTURE on the part of my wife, me, and some others. Now, I'm convinced that we are now entering the era of Orwell's 1984 and people will henceforth be "vaporised" along with any pertinent evidence of their brief existence on our troubled planet. I saw the NBC and CBS versions of Ruby and Oswald and perhaps it was the ABC version which was so indelibly impressed on my mind. I missed the ABC version yesterday, Harold, could you check this out? If the ABC version of yesterday does not contain this particular bit then, Brother, 1984 has already arrived a little prematurely. Another thing, in the immediate aftermath in the TV pictures of 1963, a Dallas police officer was shown indicating his recognition of Jack Ruby and this particular young-looking officer did not seem to have the surprise and concern the situation warranted. Of course this wasn't shown at all yesterday. In these days of TV instant replays and stop actions in regard to televised football showing the IMMENSELY IMPORTANT action of an oversized hunk of meat catching or even MISSING a football, it is more than passing strange that the Ruby play didn't warrant fuller treatment.

NO significant stop action, NO pooling, clever photo montage, and no real "poetry", learned philosophical observations such as a sports commentator renders after a field goal attempt!

Listen, Harold, might I suggest a ploy which on the face of it could seem silly?

Suppose one inserted ads in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and even Washington newspapers, to wit:

One hundred dollars paid for any photos, mementoes, taken with any cameras, or any verifiable information tending to prove or disprove Oswald's and other participation in the assassination of President Kennedy, and which have not been considered or noted in the general press or the Warren Report, archives, FBI documentation, etc.

One could rent a small office in Dallas for personal appearances of vitally important witnesses.

The reward to be made purposely small. A small reward will often work better than a large one. But don't use the word "Reward".

One could offer a ^{payment} reward for any snapshots of the parade and crowd in the vicinity of the Texas Book Depository. A hundred or so such photos could reveal vital information on analysis. A negative should be asked for and obtained if possible to preclude clever montage efforts.

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One very important angle to be researched is the possibility of:

1. Oswald from the very first was picked in the Marine Corps (to be surfaced later) as a potential double and to coin a term a "triple" agent, i.e. a participant in the secret service and also right-wing groups *at the same time!*

(or) 2. Oswald was sincere in his attempted defection to Soviet citizenry status but later was recruited to the gumshoe clubs.

(or) 3. After engagement as a result of either of the two above routes, Oswald for money or to salvage his pride became inadvertently a Fall Guy for the crazed right-wingers in the Dallas area.

(or) 4. Oswald, whatever his route to his particular status, joined the right-wingers in a "conversational" plot (but Oswald did not really mean it in his instance) and the others went right ahead. He joined, say, secret service agents on lower echelons (who were, nevertheless, subsequently protected by Papa Hoover who naturally would fight any attempts to besmirch the virgin purity of his disciples).

I know that you are in all probability aware of variations on the above theme, but it seems to me that this is the only manner which makes sense to me of carrying on the investigations. Prove Oswald an agent! Once that is done, the FBI, CIA, and the secret service, and the armed forces, and yes, the Dallas police, can the go back to the tasks of PROTECTING THE LIBERTIES OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE! It seems that for the past twenty-five years the paranoia of the FBI and the daily press has done untold damage to the psyche of the American people. Perhaps, some of this hurt is irreversible, but let us strive for relief anyway.

I'm a poor typist and in a hurry to get this off with an enclosed check for your book WHITEWASH II. If some of this seems incomprehensible apply a little interpolation and perhaps it will even make some sense.

In brief, I have been interested a long time in the Kennedy assassination story and I am profoundly disturbed over the implications to our way of life and liberties this all portends.

The resolution of the Dreyfus case in France saved French Democracy for some sixty years with a brief interval of Nazi occupation. Even today France is better because Count Esterhazy did not get away with the malarkey the French Officer Corps and Monarchists attempted to pull off.

In a way, Oswald may prove entirely innocent of even intent to conspire. If this proves to be so, the USA can resume the early promise of the Roosevelt years and the Kennedy era.

In some fashion, Mark Lane has rather preempted the role of Emile Zola, but what we need also and most emphatically are a number of Clarence Darrows, Voltaires, Lincoln Steffins, Upton Sinclairs, Mark Twains,

We need to:

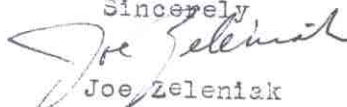
- "Crush the infamy"
- "Expose the shame of cities"
- "Free the innocent"
- "Show the rotten and stink of the stockyards"
- and let a new Captain Stormfield show the real side of 'Heaven'"

Forgive me those figures and quotes but I know of ^{other} no way to indicate my concern over the present course of events.

Would you indicate by return mail receipt of this letter for I seem also to be afflicted with the sickly malaise or paranoia of what Big Brother is up to. I think that you, too, are "on the list". So whether or not the gumshoe squad intercepts your mail or not, it would make me feel better to hear from you "real" soon.

Warm regards, and what do you know about those geese? Have any literature on them? Again, regards,

Sincerely,


Joe Zeleniak

P.S. Note the
address label
enclosed
and comments

Harold, I'll type and write the address which you could cut out and paste on a package of books to the USSR.

The Russian system varies somewhat from ours.

Moscow, USSR
Literaturnaya Gazeta
A. Chakovskii, Editor-in-chief
Moskva K-51
Tsvetnoi bulvar, 30

Harold, write a short letter in English telling the editor of the contents. If you like you can tell them that a Russian speaking American colleague who gets his paper advised you to try this. Give him permission to print all or some of this on the regular rate he pays authors. But do tell him that he cannot send the money to you directly that you will in the near future go to the USSR and spend it there in the hotels, tours and in payment for books, clothes or even an appliances which you could take home. You could make this pay off handsomely eventually for as a writer you could obtain material for another book. It won't be as good as US dollars or the British pound sterling, but, hell, later on the value could be far greater. Incidentally, they could pirate your books WITHOUT your permission sometime anyway. So, you can't lose.

Also, should you want ~~and~~ an adventuresome colleague to help you spend it, maybe even \$20,000, ...hard to eat that much caviar by yourself...why not take me along to help you spend it. A Russian speaking American like me could help carry the bags and do primitive secretarial work. But you don't even have to consider even this except that I'd like to get a card from you from Moscow, should you make it.

The resulting publicity could be well worth the effort.