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Maryland Author Publishes Own Book ... Credited With Starting JFK Death Probe

By Napoleon Jones

Harold Weisberg wrote a book about the assassination of President Kennedy which included the following cast:

(1) "Clem Bertrand," an alias for a man who ran with homosexuals, and who, a witness testified under hypnosis, plotted the murder of President Kennedy.

(2) Leo Harvey Oswald, who everybody knows by now.

(3) David F. Ferrie, a homosexual, who died in his New Orleans apartment, after being questioned about the assassination.

(4) Jim Garrison, the New Orleans D.A., who says he will prove the plot to kill the President was hatched in New Orleans by the men mentioned above.

(5) Dean Andrews, Jr., a jive-talking New Orleans attorney, who represented "gay kids." (Andrews was charged with perjury by the New Orleans Grand Jury investigating the assassination. It can be assumed that witnesses before him testified that he knew facts he lied about to the grand jury. Also, it is known that Andrews fears that he may be killed.)

The book's characters also included Jack Ruby, Governor Connally of Texas, members of a Cuban Revolutionary Council, President Johnson and many others.

But no publisher would touch it! Over 60 turned it down.

Clay Shaw has been charged with conspiring to kill President Kennedy, and if he is found guilty, Harold Weisberg, of Hyattstown, Maryland, can say that his book, *Whitewash--The Report on the Warren Report*, is the most important book written on the assassination.

But at this time, he's saying nothing and the critics have been less than kind in reviewing his book.

I spent four hours with Weisberg at his home near Washington, D. C. He is working on other books and stays busy

appearing on radio and TV shows discussing his theory.

We sat around his kitchen table, drinking tea, as I took notes. Weisberg appeared sincere and answered questions directly. He refused to say that



Harold Weisberg, author of *Whitewash The Report on the Warren Report*, is shown at his home in Hyattstown, Md.

he had helped Garrison with the case. However, since the names in the New Orleans probe appeared only in Weisberg's book it can be assumed that Garrison is getting information from Weisberg's books, if not from him directly.

Weisberg told me:

(1) There was a fake Oswald.
(2) Oswald did not kill Kennedy. ("If the Warren Commission proved anything," he said, "it proved that Oswald didn't kill anyone.") (3) Kennedy was killed by members of an anti-Castro group because the President would not overthrow Castro. (4) The Warren Commission has proof of a conspiracy and "highly credible evidence that Oswald was part of it."

But if Weisberg is right, there are many other serious implications. He also says that

evidence was destroyed and tampered with. And, he has some serious charges against both the Secret Service and the FBI.

The function of the writer, says Weisberg, is to criticize the establishment. Actually, anyone could have written this book. All the facts I used came from evidence taken by the Warren Commission.

As stated before, the book was turned down by over 60 publishers. One printer even destroyed the plates he had made to print the book.

"Finally I printed the book (and also, *Whitewash II -- the FBI-Secret Service Coverup*) myself. I printed 10,000 copies of the first book and have sold over 6,000. Finally, Dell published it in paperback and it became their 6th best-seller in the first month," Weisberg says.

He also has over 1,400 orders for book #3 which hasn't even been published yet.

"The success of my books is the direct result of something everyone knows, but nobody in publishing circles talks about. That is," he says, "the majority of the public do not believe the Warren Report!"

One publisher told him: "I would be afraid that all interest in the subject has now evaporated. . . few of us have, I think, any continuing interest in either the man or the circumstances of his death. . . it is not something that we wish to publish."

Weisberg proves that you can publish your own book and gain public and media acceptance. At present, he advertises his own books, even mails them to customers. The bad news for those who want to become publishers of their own works: he's not yet making money. And, he says that he has spent more than 20,000 hours studying Warren Report. It will take a lot of sales to pay him even a minimum wage for this work.