

Dear Mr. Connor,

12/24/96

Wish I had more time. Nothing wrong with your questions. But giving a full and adequate answer requires more time than at 85 and in impaired health I have.

The book list is enclosed.

The simplest answer I can give is that Garrison had nothing besides talk. It was even worse than this, as I learned when two of his staff involved me in arranging for his not being able to charge two men with being the actual assassins with not even a shred of evidence. In fact, one of them had killed himself in New Orleans the year before the assassination, as Garrison knew. He made up a storybook tale to explain that away.

He was in many ways a great tragedy. But can you imagine what the reaction would have been if he had been able to mark the fifth anniversary by charging Robert Lee Perrin with being one of the alleged assassins and the records are beyond question, he killed himself the year before. Or if he charged Edgar Eugene Bradley with being the other assassin based only on Garrison's baseless belief that he was one of the "tramps." In fact that "tramps" are entirely irrelevant. Besides which why they were is known and Bradley was not one of them. There is a current work of fiction on them with the lying title, "Oswald Talked."

I did not begin critical of Garrison. Quite the opposite. But each time I questioned him about the wild and impossible things he was saying he'd say he was fighting fire with fire, that he was doing to the government what he could to get even for the problems it was giving him. I believed him on that too long.

He was erudite, sophisticated, intellectual and I think a good DA. So it was both a personal and a professional tragedy that he was making just about all of what he said up and beginning with what he took from others.

Sorry my typing can't be any better.

Have a good year,

Harold Weisberg

Thanks for the SASE.

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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

I enclose SASE and ask for a book list (and a price list for each) from you.

I read Whitewash when it first came out in the 1960's (about five or six times) and have recently re-read it (three or four times) this past year. As you can probably surmise, your books and most other books regarding the JFK assassination are pretty much not readily available in what few bookstores we have here. I was living in New Orleans in the late Sixties and became extremely interested in the Garrison probe at the time. I moved from the city (I am originally from Savannah) in the early Seventies and my interest waned a bit as I went into business, etc. Over the past couple of years, however, my interest in the assassination of JFK has returned, and at a white-hot pitch, too. I know you are a busy man, but I have a question for you, to wit: why is it that you and other notable researchers are so critical of what Jim Garrison tried to do? It cannot be questioned that he brought forth dramatic evidence, named names, etc. I strongly admire him, though I respect your position. One other question crosses my mind about you. I understand that you once worked as an intelligence operative. If you are inclined, could you clarify this for me? Thanks.

Sincerely,

Tim Conner



PS: Ignore the questions if you want to, but still send the book list if you don't mind.