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Dear Craig Ciccone,

I have no independent recollection of what I wrote you that you do not like but from what you say I tried to caution you and you resent that, believing as you do that from the indiscriminate reading of a buch of crap you've become a real expert.

Do you think I needed your list of what you've read to know what you could have read?

You are entitled to any belief you want to hold, such as "... it would be dangerous to dismiss any theory no matter how issly it may seem." To me this is silliness. Unless you want to deceive and mislead yourself and others. There are some theories that are totally untenable and most of those advanced to solve the JFK assassination are of this kind. If you know no better or if you just want to mislead yourself and others, you do have that right. If you think you know enough to lecture me, fine!

You can also consider ~~misleading~~ misleading others is responsible. I don't.

Our government did worse than what you say, "blur the story." That does not mean that we are any better if we "blur" by nonsensical theories presented as fact.

The sources you list indicate that you've read what you could get your hands on, which is good, but those sources do not qualify you as an expert and most of them will persuade you that up is down and in is out.

My own view is that one who ^smisleads the people on this subject does the government's dirty work for it. Confusing the people more is not a public service. Raising questions without misleading is useful.

Best wishes,

Harold Weisberg

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Mr. Weisberg.

Thank you very much for responding so quickly. Enclosed is my order form and money order for two of your books.

I assure you Mr. Weisberg, you do not have to remind me to ~~look~~ look both ways before I cross the street or that there are two sides to every story. As I told you before, I have been researching this case for more than 10 years. I am a big boy and can raise my level of critical thinking to the point that I can realize what is fact and theory. However, you must concur that our government has blurred this story so much that it would be dangerous to dismiss any theory no matter how silly it may seem. We need to consider all possibilities ... not just the ones that are comfortable or immediately agreed upon.

I have done a lot of reading and I am always hungry and anxious for more. I was hoping for a little more encouragement from you since we need more young people getting involved. I wasn't even my parent's fantasy in 1963 ... yet I am still obsessed with trying to make sense of this tragedy. I would think that kind of dedication and passion should be ~~commended~~ commended, not given grandfatherly advice.

If you question my sources, here is a bibliography of the material I have read.

- Best Evidence by David Lifton
- Accessories After the Fact by Sylvia Meagher
- Rush to Judgment by Mark Lane
- "They've killed the President" by Sam Anson
- The unanswered questions... by Sylvia Fox
- Crossfire by Jim Marrs
- The Death of a President by William Manchester
- The Warren Commission Report & various volumes
- The House Select Committee on Assassinations Report and various volumes
- Reasonable Doubt by Henry Hurt
- Contract on America by David Scheim
- Mafia Kingfish by John Davis
- CIA and the Cult of Intelligence by Victor Marchetti
- High Treason by Livingstone and Groden

Regardless of what you think of these books, they are all different and say different things. We need the theories, speculations, conjectures, rumors, gossip, and the facts to get to the answer. Please don't admonish me for wanting to read and hear it all.

Thank you for your
time... hope to hear
from you soon.

~~Craig~~ Ciccone
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