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Dear Mr. Raymond,

Thanks for your kind words. And you are right, although I do not consider it bugging me, I do hear from interested people all the time and except for the very small number of nut letters I do try to answer them all. So please feel at ease.

I am at a loss to understand two things you say: that I did not tell you about the other books I have available and that you were given access to nothing when you were at the Archives.

Except for Oswald in New Orleans, which I did not publish, none of my books is entirely out of print. While I am not able to print still another edition of the first of the Whitewash series I have kept it in print in the form of an actual-size, high quality xerox particularly because it is used as a college text and, it may interest you as a law-enforcement officer; even in a criminalistics course. It is \$25.00. I have obtained and do not let it be generally known because I was able to get so few, copies of Oswald In New Orleans. I want to reserve them for those whose research indicates a need. It also is \$25.00, although it was originally 95¢.

The other books you list range from undependable and inaccurate to absolutely bad, and the problem people have is that they are usually not in a position to make a real evaluation and thus are often misled. If you can get copies of Sylvia Meagher's Accessories After the Fact and Howard Roffman's Presumed Guilty, they are excellent. I can recommend nothing more highly. They are out of print but occasionally a copy appears in a second-hand store. I do not know where you can get a copy of the Report. The possibility of getting one other than printed by the GPO is better. Several versions appeared in commercial hardback and Bantam did the paperback.

I have never heard of the Archives denying access to the Zapruder film and I took a number of others there in the past to see it both in motion and as slides. If you get there again, I suggest that you write in advance and set up an appointment. As of now the man to write is Marion Johnson, but he may be retiring soon. They are supposed to show you the movies and slides by appointment and the prints whenever you are there.

You do not list my Post Mortem, which is \$11.50. (So also is my book on the King assassination, Frameup.)

The only present source of slides, etc., of whom I know is a Canadian named Hawkins but I do not recall his address. Dave Hawkins, I think, in western Canada. Some of mine are now on deposit at the Univ. Wisconsin, Stevens Point, Wisc., and in time all my records will be there. If you can get there, they can be seen. I think they also have a few audio and video tapes they make available of a week of speeches and seminars by Roffman, Jim Lesar, who represented me in a series of FOIA lawsuits, and Professor Wronne, who is in charge of that archive, and no. Prof. Wronne is coauthor of the only decent and scholarly bibliography. It is costly, small edition.

David

We haven't moved but the post office has changed our address. See envelope.

Best wishes,

Harold Weisberg
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DEAR MR. WEISBERG,

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU ARE ONE OF A SELECT FEW PEOPLE IN THE PUBLIC EYE TO HAVE THE GUTS TO SAY WHAT NEEDS TO BE SAID.

NOT TOO LONG AGO I PURCHASED WHITEWASH II, IV AND PHOTOGRAPHIC WHITEWASH FROM YOU. I THOROUGHLY ENJOYED YOUR BOOKS.

BUT LET ME EXPLAIN WHY I AM WRITING YOU.

I WAS 11 YEARS OLD ON NOVEMBER 22, 1963. THE ASSASSINATION EFFECTED ME TO A POINT I CANNOT EXPLAIN. I LIVED WITH THESE FEELINGS UNTIL 1981 WHEN THEY SURFACED AND I BEGAN TO INVESTIGATE.

I AM A SENIOR DEPUTY SHERIFF WITH THE KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA. THROUGH MY TRAINING OVER THE LAST TEN YEARS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, I HAVE ONE WORD FOR THE WARREN COMMISSION'S REPORT = "WHITEWASH."

I AM VERY HUNGRY FOR STUDY MATERIAL ON MR. KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION. LISTED BELOW ARE THE FEW BOOKS I HAVE:

MR. WEISBERG.

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1. THE DAY KENNEDY WAS SHOT - BISHOP
2. THE DEATH OF A PRESIDENT - MANCHESTER
3. CRIME OF THE CENTURY - KURTZ
4. BEST EVIDENCE - LIFTON
5. FOUR DAYS -
6. ONE BRIEF SHINING MOMENT - MANCHESTER
7. WHITEWASH II -
8. WHITEWASH IV
9. PHOTOGRAPHIC WHITEWASH.

I DO NOT CONSIDER MYSELF AN EXPERT ON THE ASSASSINATION BY ANY MEANS. BUT, I WOULD LIKE TO READ MORE ABOUT IT, SEE PICTURES, FILMS, SLIDES, ANYTHING THAT WILL ENHANCE MY KNOWLEDGE. AS AN ASIDE, I HAVE NEVER SEEN MR. ZAPRUDER'S FILM OF THE ASSASSINATION!! FLEDGLING RESEARCHER? YES SIR.

I WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO COMPLETE MY SET OF YOUR BOOKS, BUT I CANNOT FIND THEM ANYWHERE. WHEN I BOUGHT THE THREE FROM YOU, I ASKED FOR THE OTHERS TOO, BUT I THINK THEY WERE OUT OF STOCK OR SOMETHING.

CAN I GET INFORMATION ON POSSIBLY BUYING COPIES OF SLIDES, PHOTOS, ETC.?

ALSO, JULY OF THIS YEAR, I WENT ON A BUSINESS TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C. AND VISITED THE ARCHIVES. THE ONLY ANSWER I RECEIVED WAS "THERE IS NOTHING ON PUBLIC DISPLAY, OR AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC VIEWING CONCERNING THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION"

IS THIS TRUE? I WISH THAT YOU COULD WRITE ME AND ENLIGHTEN ME OUT OF MY IGNORANCE.

IS THERE ANY USE IN TRYING TO LOCATE A COPY OF
THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT TO PURCHASE? HAS ^{IT} BEEN
REPRINTED OR REPUBLISHED?

IF YOU HAVE TIME, PLEASE TRY TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS
FOR ME. BUT I WARN YOU, I HAVE A WHOLE LOT MORE TO ASK.

I'M SURE YOU GET PEOPLE BUGGING YOU CONSTANTLY, AND
IF YOU ROUND-FILE THIS LETTER, I'LL UNDERSTAND.

P.S. WHAT OTHER BOOKS SHOULD I TRY TO FIND, THAT ARE
GOOD?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME,

Randy Raymond.

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