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Herman, CBS News
Dear O'Byrne,

A couple of years ago you had an inquiry, what had happened to President Kennedy's brain. It had never interested me because of its evidentiary value, so I hadn't thought much about it. I gave you what suggestions I could. If you learned anything about it and told me, I don't recall it.

My views on its evidentiary value have not changed, and I have completed a large book on the general subject of the autopsy. As I told you when we last met, I have developed a fair amount of what has been withheld from the Warren Commission, which could have had it if it had wanted it. This work fortifies that belief. The greater prospect is that were it to be produced now in response to Cyril Wecht's demand the result would be further obfuscation and a kind of embarrassment not indicated in Fred Schwarz's recent nice piece.

This one Bill Wick's call yesterday - if he phoned you it was at my suggestion - made me curious about it, and not for publication. The book is already too large and I'm not interested in what I am willing to grant as an official monopoly, obfuscation. If you recall what you learned or have notes on it, I'd appreciate knowing what you learned. There may come a time when knowing this could help reduce the possible damages, restrain to some extent the "critics" who, by and large, are also the better educated.

On another suspect, a fore your interesting bit on the sexual revolution this a.m., I saw the film sequence. His path and mine seem to have crossed back in 1969, not to my benefit. Mine then required interest in the Cuban extrajudicials because they injected themselves into the CIA as unclean, some of them or their rabid made personal trouble for me. So, I had to look into them to defend myself. I have a fairly extensive file on them, including two of the Watergate paper characters. I have about a dozen pages of FBI reports on them. My hunch is that Hunt will show today for the deposition, and precisely because he is more important in all of this than anyone has indicated. He can always (and in my view quite properly) turn the faith.

Should this story develop into one in which CBS considers it worthwhile doing some work of its own, or should it want to just buy back something access to a fairly large amount of already-collected material, be my guest.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg