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Dear Mr. Snepp,

I saw another reference to the fact that you/are working on a novel about the JFK assassination.

It reminded me that some months ago, when I first saw a reference to this, probably through my lawyer, in Lesar, I suggested that you might want to check out the theory you are developing. Or, perhaps, by now have developed.

Most of the writing about political assassinations is irresponsible and a not inconsiderable amount is hurtful. I include what is represented as non-fiction in this.

While very few people appear to regard it this way, I believe that the assassination of a President is the most subversive of crimes. Based on this belief I regard anything that can misinform or mislead the people as hurtful.

From my reading of your excellent Vietnam book I believe you would not want to produce anything that could be hurtful.

Without an enormous amount of research and much thinking about it, you probably have no way of knowing what can result in other than you intend.

If you are not aware of it, the CIA invested much time in the JFK assassination, the Warren Commission and books and authors. It monitored my public appearances where it could use commercial agencies, for example. At the same time, it pretends that it didn't and has failed to provide copies of what I know it has from my source inside one of the commercial agencies. (Lesar handles my FOIA litigation.)

It was much less helpful to the Warren Commission than it could and should have been.

The records thus far disclosed hold no explanation of its interest in the books and their authors and no basis for this adventure in domestic activity.

I repeat the invitation I extended earlier.

Best wishes,

Harold Weisberg