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Mr. Al. Chapman  
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Dear Mr. Chapman:

Your letter arrived while I was in New Orleans, hence the delay in response.

In addition to my own appreciation, which I have expressed, I want to let you know the high regard Jim Garrison has for what you have done and, if I may put it this way, what means so much to all of us trying to bring the truth of the assassination to the country, your willingness to help. Here, I think, is the latent strength of our country, in the willingness of some people to involve themselves in an important struggle against enormous odds.

As with most of us, you did what you did (and I am confident, will again do what you can) without thought of gain or even recovering your costs. The time it took, the film and other expenses it involved, must have been considerable.

As you know, I have absorbed the cost of the phone calls, and will continue to. Had Jim not broken the story when he did, there would have been a magazine piece on your work. But the way it came out, it attracted much more attention - more people were aware of it. I think he accomplished much more of what you wanted.

The enclosed check for \$150.00 is intended as at least a partial repayment of your expenses. Although it is on my account, the check is not from me. Nor is it sent you on my initiative.

You may also be interested in knowing that Saga is replacing the story on your work with another on the subject, so the same amount of attention to it still results.

We do not want you to subject yourself to danger. However, there are things we would like to know that should be available in the sheriff's office. One of these is who was arrested at the assassination scene, with details. Another is the pictures then taken or seen, and by whom. Still another is on the weapons found there, when and where and by whom.

In the course of my interviews, I have been told things about people you may know and who may be known to you or with whom you may share political sympathies. Would you have any compromising problems were I to ask you about them or to learn things about them? Unless you specified otherwise, as you know, I'd make it available to Garrison.

Again, our thanks.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

p.s. Thanks also for the clippings. He'll have a live issue!