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Harold Weisberg

My dear Sir,

I have just finished reading your Whitewash II and I also read Whitewash some months ago. First off, let me say that I consider your work the most important of any in our times. You have done a tremendous thing; a thing which had to be done; which was not done by anyone else. The revelation of this monstrous hanky-panky by all of our top law enforcement agencies combined with the silence and acquiescence of the government is terror to me. And then, (as you say in your closing remarks in Whitewash II), where is the public outcry? Where are the leaders in our public service who should be clamoring for the reopening of the investigation and for the righting of this national disgrace? From there my thoughts drift in the direction of the shabby state of things in the country and the world in general; and the relationship is there. What I mean is, your impossibility of getting a publisher was of course due to the fact that your material damns the government from the top on down; and a publisher is afraid naturally. Our fine ideals are for sale and I guess always were; but it is bitter to realize.

And worse - there being no general outcry, the powers at the moment are piously ignoring the whole question. If the people don't demand it, nothing will be done. There is little help in Congress. When I was an idealistic teen-ager in the 30's, my father used to shock me by saying that Congressmen are

all crooks. When I was a little older I read Mencken who likens them to idiots in his gentler moments. Now I know my father was closer the truth; but of course they are not crooks. They are human beings in great pressures and in a position to make money by bending their ethics. Fulbright says our society is sick; he is right. Senator McGovern says most politicians use such things as the Commie myth in fear that their opponent will do it first. He's right, too. And when the New Left in the colleges say LBJ is selling bodies in Vietnam for money, I believe them/.

All of this adds up to quite a little pessimism. But your courage and tenacity in exposing the lies and trickery in this affair is an example to the best in us. I'm shaken. I don't know what will be done; but I'll try writing to the Congress. I'll see if I can shake up my friends. If you have or know of an organization I'll support it.

My best wishes,


Joe Disch

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Dear Mr. Disch,

Dell has forwarded your thoughtful letter. If you really want documentation of real hanky-penky, you will want the book about which I enclose the circular, which Dell is not reprinting, and the forthcoming Oswald In New Orleans, which Parallax is. The former has 150 pages of photographic reproduction of once-secret documents, I think among the most shocking and scandalous in our jistory.

You are right about the lack of outcry. I am grateful you will put some of it in writing, and I'd appreciate copies, going and coming. I hope this will also include calling the attention of those you know to my work, which continues. There will be at least three books in addition to the five of which you know, two of which you have.

There is an organization, the Citizens' Committee of Inquiry, head office Box 350, Westwood Plaza, Los Angeles. Steve Barton. They are mostly college students. I am advisor or counsellor. They can use more chapters and more help. But they do work and they do try. They sponsored my appearances in Calif last December but could not pay the expenses. There is a risco chapter. Hal Verb, 923 A Fulton, 94117, can tell you more about it.

Remember Jackson: One determined man becomes a majority.
We have more than one.

Thanks for your kind comment.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg