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Dear Mr. Carantonio,

It is not easy for me to answer your 1/20 questions without risk of giving you offense but I say anything I must be honest with you.

To begin with, you banter words around. What do you mean by "researchers" and what is your basis for deciding who qualifies as a researcher?

Louis Witt is not, as you say, perhaps using Harrs' words, "the witness who presented himself before the HSCA" as the utterly nonsensical "umbrella man" concoction. He was subpoenaed. That he was the man who had an umbrella on the north side of Elm Street was published by Earl Golz in the Dallas Morning News, and that is what led to HSCA's interest because its interest was in putting down all critics and criticisms of the official mythology, as distinguished from the unofficial mythology, the content and an accurate description of most of what has been published on the subject. Harrs book is not an exception.

apologies for my typing. I'm of advanced years and am recovering from serious surgery. I'll not be able to engage in any lengthy correspondence with you on this business.

Is your judgement so poor that you cannot see clearly that there is no sense at all to the so-called umbrella-man theory? And are you so uninformed on the subject that you don't know that there was also an umbrella man, which is no more than a man with an umbrella, not an unusual event when it had been raining? There is so much that entirely discredits any such theory that requires virtually no knowledge of the actualities of the assassination for understanding.

So, to get back to "researchers," and referring to Witt, you say he "has been generally discounted as implausible by assassination researchers," and this is why I ask you if you really know who is a "researcher" and who ~~concocts~~ concocts theories and palms them off as actualities in the face of all reason and rationality.

If this is what interest you, where in the world do you expect to go, what do you expect to wind up with?

You don't even ask my opinion on fact and reason, instead saying, "I would like to confirm Harrs' statement." You'll do that as easily and as substantially as confirming that the moon is made of green cheese.

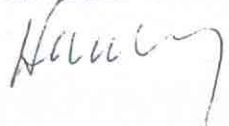
You conclude wondering whether "the true identity of the Umbrella Man remains as much of a mystery as ever," which is unreal. There is no real reason to doubt that Witt told the truth and no real reason to believe there was or even could have been anything to any role for any umbrella man.

I'm trying to help you avoid irresponsibility and making a fool of yourself and I'm trying to get you to understand you reflect abysmal ignorance of the facts of the assassination.

The man who made this umbrella-man nonsense up is one of the finest and most sincere men I've known and he really believes it. Even has his own candidate.

You ask about the Whitewash series. They are 6 ~~books~~ books, typed copy reproduced by offset, high-quality paper and durable bindings, with extensive facsimile reproduction of documents. I don't really know what you mean by "newsletter-type publications" but whatever it can be they are not. If you'd used standard sources, like Books in Print, ~~you~~ you'd have known about my work from other than a literary garbage can.

Sincerely,
Harold Weisberg



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Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I am interested in buying a copy of your book Postmortem, which I understand was self-published. Would you tell me the price of the book, so that I can send you a check for that amount?

Also, I'm curious about Whitewash. I understand that there are four volumes available. Are these newsletter-type publications that you have authored, periodic updates of your research?

One small question about the assassination. It has to do with the Umbrella Man, one of the mystery men in Dealey Plaza that day. According to Jim Marrs' book, Crossfire (Carroll & Graf/1989), the testimony of Louis Steven Witt, the witness who presented himself as the Umbrella Man before the HSCA, has been generally discounted as implausible by assassination researchers. As part of my research for a novel I'm working on about the Kennedy assassination, I would like to confirm Marrs' statement. Is this your understanding of the consensus of opinion among researchers--that Witt was an impostor, and the true identity of the Umbrella Man remains as much of a mystery as ever?

Sincerely,



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