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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I have just read your book, "Whitewash...", and, as one of the "700" owners of a full set of the Hearings, I congratulate you on completing a masterful (and I hope not a thankless) job. While I watched President Kennedy's cortege crossing the Memorial Bridge, on television three years ago, I vowed to "get" the conspirators who killed Kennedy, if it was the last thing I did. My research and note-taking have not been as intensive as yours and Epstein's and Joesten's and Popkin's, and Lane's and all the others here and abroad who have brought their results to the public. However, I am enclosing some early published letters-to-the-editor to establish my bona fides, and I will send you under separate cover some notes which you might find of interest. I have titled these notes "Unasked Questions on the Assassination of President Kennedy", since some of the points which I make do not seem to have been picked up yet by any of the published authors mentioned above, although they appear in the Hearings set.

I would be happy to hear from you if you have the time. After last night's TV show (New York City Channel 5, 9PM to midnight) you may get so much publicity and attention that you'll be too busy to do much more investigation.

I am also sending under separate cover a copy of my own (R-W Corp.) publishing venture, for your files or disposition. As you may imagine, I can sympathize fully with your publication problems, as indicated succinctly on your inside covers and in your preface. The subject of my publication should not be brought into discussions of the Assassination investigation. It would only confuse the issues, although Allen Dulles has a part to play in both stories.

As you state on pp. 188-189, none of us is safe, and the whole country is in jeopardy, if the conspirators who killed Kennedy can remain free. Our future as a civilian-controlled democracy is at stake.

You, Epstein, and the others have sufficiently proved the case that a conspiracy existed, and that the Commission did not intend to uncover it. However, the Commission has left in the Hearings and the Report proofs of the conspiracy. As you state on p. 188, "It is almost as though they sought the destruction of their Report." May I suggest that this indic-

cates that:

(a) At least one of the Commissioners was fully aware that a conspiracy must have existed (from the evidence which you have adduced, if from no other source.)

(b) The political and international climate at the time demanded that the Commission not find any conspiracy, no matter what the source.

(c) The Commissioner(s) referred to in (a) wanted to be sure that the Report would fall apart of its own internal inconsistencies, after a short period of years for full public scrutiny and critiques such as yours, so that the truth would emerge as it appears it is now about to do.

I suggest to you that we all owe a vote of appreciation to Allen W. Dulles for this desirable state of affairs, which would seem to be the result of his personal efforts. He was undoubtedly the most intelligent person on the Commission, and the one most skilled, by profession and personality, in controlling the documentation and presentation of evidence for psychological (persuasion) objectives. It is now clear that Dulles "was" the Commission more than any other one man was, even though, to suit some people's purposes, the Commission is tagged as the "Warren" Commission.

The Report and Hearings contain enough clues, and more, to disprove the Report's conclusions and to disqualify the Report itself, and you have pointed out many of these clues in "Whitewash...". But beware of jumping to false conclusions that one of the conspirators was the person who seems (at first glance) to have had the most to gain from the assassination.

I believe that President Johnson and his true friends had nothing to do with it, although that story is obviously being drummed up by the booklet "Stifle the Legend" (Lyle H. Munson, 1964); by the Harris poll, (October 3, 1966) which labels the only "right-wing" suspected cause of the assassination as "Lyndon Johnson", and credits it already with a 2% score; and by your own valid (but perhaps misleading in context) remarks on page 50 about the suppressed right half of the Altgens photograph (all praise to you for finding and printing it!!), calling attention to the doors of the Vice-President's escort car already being open, while the President's own escort seems to be staring around calmly and coolly.

May I urge you to guard yourself against falling into the trap of helping to "frame" Pres. Johnson. You have seen and shown how easily Lee Oswald was unwittingly framed, to serve as the "fall guy" for the actual assassins. Now it would seem that President Johnson, even though innocent of the charge, is being set up as the fall guy for the chief conspirators (the managers of the conspiracy.) Please consider my "Unasked Questions" (when they arrive) relating to the escort procedures and the Altgens photo.

My best wishes for continued success in your investigation, and for getting out of your publication venture with a whole skin, financially. I admire your motivation (pp.188-189) and share it. Let's try to expose the real conspirators, even though they may still control the same powerful

apparatus for molding public opinion through the mass media that they did in 1963. Truly, the future of freedom in America is the stake we are playing for, and this is worth all the risk in the world.

Sincerely yours,

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enc: 2 letters-to-editor

to follow: 1 publication
1 Unasked Questions