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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I have your letters and copies of your correspondence with McGraw-Hill and the New American Library.

I have removed your name from page 555 of the Acknowledgements. To have included your name here was a careless, but, I believe, understandable, error. You will note that your name does not appear in the list of formal (taped) interviews on page 542 of the Notes on Sources. That I included your name in a spirit of gratitude among those individuals with whom I had conversed both formally and informally about the research was perhaps careless, but I believe understandable in view of my deep sense of gratitude to all those who had helped me, not the least of whom was yourself.

As you are aware, we made the change that you requested on page 414 in all editions. I have been advised by both McGraw-Hill and the New American Library that no further change in page 414 is warranted. Likewise, I have been advised that no change on the succeeding page is warranted.

We are all agreed that there is nothing defamatory whatsoever in stating that Mr. Jack Wasserman made use of the FBI files your FOIA request, and lawsuit, made available to the public. If it had not been for your FOIA requests, the FBI files on the assassination would not have been available for study in the FBI Reading Room at Headquarters in Washington or for interested parties such as Mr. Wasserman who were willing to pay for their duplication.

Mr. Farley of the McGraw-Hill Legal Department has informed me that you wrote him that research assistant Amy Stevens took files from your office and that you want those files back. I have been out of touch with Ms. Stevens for some time and do not know where she is at the moment. I have no idea what she did with the files she took. Certainly I do not believe she took any files that were not copies of your files. All she probably took were copies of your copies. At least I

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know that what she turned over to me were copies of your copies. Thus every document from your files that I now possess is in your own files.

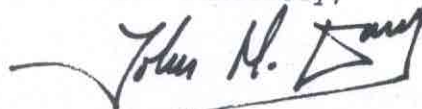
I regret that I have not responded to your most recent complaints as quickly as you had wished, but I have been so busy with my own work that I have not had any time for correspondence. For me, over the past few months, it has been one writing deadline after another, including the construction of a lengthy new book proposal demanding much research.

I wish to assure you that readers of my book whom I have questioned on the matter of your complaints have all reassured me that my book does not defame you in any way. On the contrary, they have told me that I have cast you in the role of a hero. They especially note the compliment I paid you in paragraph one, page 245.

Once again, I wish to thank you for the valuable contribution you made to my book.

I am enclosing a letter from a reader that was just forwarded to me from McGraw-Hill. As a fellow laborer in the vineyard I thought I would share it with you.

Yours Sincerely,



John H. Davis

cc William P. Farley Esq., McGraw-Hill
Alan Kaufman, Esq., New American Library

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Mr. John H. Davis
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Dear Mr. Davis,

Greetings from one of your greatest fans - an avid reader and lover of your wonderful books!

I am re-reading THE KENNEDYS; DUNASTY AND DISASTER for the third time this summer. It was so beautifully written and magnificently researched. Biographies are my favorites, but yours was the best I had enjoyed in a long time. It was not just the subject matter, which was interesting in itself, but your superb writing style. Your great talent comes through on every page. You have a gentle spirit, I believe, for your writing is filled with kindness and sensitivity - and yet never at the sacrifice of truth. Then I gobbled up MAFIA KINGFISH in a few sittings. It was so good and, again, so well-written, that I couldn't wait to finish it. Your theories are so well-founded and so logical. At last I believe I may know the truth about the assassination of President Kennedy. It's about time! And this book was also written with that fantastic style of yours. You make book reading actually delicious! I enjoy reading a well-written book as some would enjoy a banana split. I'll take your books any day over a banana split.

I also have finished THE BOUVIERS; PORTRAIT OF AN AMERICAN FAMILY. What a melancholy story. As with all families, there are sorrows and joys. I rejoiced on one page and wept by the next. It was also magnificent! You have exceptional talent, and I appreciate your sharing with the reading public in such excellent books. Thank you so much for jobs well done. You have a fan for life.

Sincerely,



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