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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Re: Photographic Whitewash.

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This was a coincidence. I have your excellent book, Whitewash II, and was engaged in looking up your address when my copy of, The Kennedy Loyalist arrived.

In addition to ordering, Photographic Whitewash, (check enclosed) I would like to have a personal meeting with you in the near future. We, my wife Katie and I, are particularly interested in photographs of the motorcade at the time of the actual shooting.

Since our theories have appeared in publications literally side-by-side, I know you are familiar with my own particular conclusion, that President Kennedy was actually killed by a freak shot from one of his bodyguards weapons. This does not negate other theories concerning complicity of various governmental agencies.

With your permission, I will be calling you soon to arrange a meeting. Katie and I will drive up for a conference at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Howard

Howard CH Donahue
Firearms Examiner

Kindly ship both Photo Whitewash and Post Mortem as soon as possible - Enc. is ck. for 22.00 I think will cover sales tax and mailing - Thank you for taking care of this as soon as possible.

Katie Donahue

Dear Howard and Katie Donahue,

9/25/85

Sure, come almost any time. I'm home most days by 10:30 a.m., after three hours of walking/resting therapy, but once in a while there is a medical appointment so I suggest you phone first. 1-301/473-8186.

I am familiar with your theory from the time the Sun did the Sunday piece on it and I know of nothing factual to support it. Particularly pictures. All of them of which I know tend to refute it.

I've never collected pictures of the motorcade as such but I probably have a few. You can see anything I have. Searching now is not easy for me so I won't do it until you are here.

Because of your expertise you may want to take a good look at the pictures of the spot on the curbstone related to the slight wound Jim Tague got, and the related FBI records. There is no doubt at all that it was patched before the FBI cut it out and took it to the Lab and this was probably done within the first six months after the assassination. That spectro plate is the only one missing! It has to be because the results of testing the patch area hardly consistent with any kind of ammo. The FBI, of course, knew this and that there was a patch and lied.

If your interest in motorcade pictures includes Mary Moorman's, I just loaned a fine 8x10 glossy to others who are arranging computer enhancement. They are looking for faces on the knoll. I'm told that on enlargement a puff of smoke is almost three-dimensional in it.

My own work has not involved theories and I have none. With regard to the complicity of government agencies, I'm more inclined to believe that any such involvement was unofficial, possibly self-starters. I have no doubt that the various agencies did cover up to the degree they could and that they probably got away with more of this than they could reasonably have expected.

If you have a Sunday in mind, we usually lunch with friends and are home in time for the Redskins telecasts, which I like to take in. So, after the game is better for me.

Parks had a lot of theories, too. Last I heard he was planning a book. I suppose he dropped that idea or couldn't get it published.

Sincerely,

Some years ago the Sunday Baltimore Sun Magazine did a large piece on his theory that JFK was killed by a freak shot from the followup car Secret Service. I think that the Alrgens picture alone disproves this because all the SS men can be seen without any weapon and that was only about 3 seconds before the last shot recorded in the Zapruder film. He is a gun expert, Towson, Md.