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Mr. Harold Weisberg Route 7 Frederick, Maryland 21701

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

As you know, I reviewed your first two WHITEWASH books for the <u>New Guard</u>, the magazine of Young Americans for Freedom. My review of PHOTOGRAPHIC WHITEWASH will appear in the December 1967 issue of the magazine. I wanted to include a mention of your newest book OSWALD IN NEW ORLEANS, but did not receive a copy from the publisher until after my deadline had passed. The review will therefore appear in the Spring of 1968 in my fourth article on books dealing with the Kennedy assassination.

I recently received a copy of a newspaper story which appeared in the SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER of February 23, 1940. I am enclosing a photocopy of this news story for your reference. I would appreciate your comments on the charges raised by the article so that I can incorporate your reply in my next piece for the New Guard.

Also, you appeared on KCBS, San Francisco, on December 15, 1966 and in response to a telephone question about the 1940 affair, you admitted that you were the person involved, but that it was a "frame-up." Could you elaborate on this please?

The <u>National Guardian</u> carried a small ad in its issue of December 10, 1966, announcing that you were going to speak on December 16, 1966 at a meeting of the Militant Labor Forum in San Francisco. I am sure that you know that this Forum is the lecture platform of the Trotskyist communist Socialist Workers Party. Could you tell me how you came to be invited to the Forum, and if the Socialist Workers Party paid your transportation and hotel expenses in addition to a speaker's fee.

Your replies to these questions would be very much appreciated, since I want to make my article as accurate as possible.

Sincerely.

Henry J. Durkin