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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Thank you for your letter of November 23rd. I appreciate your reply very much. As I stated in my letter of November 17th, I want my article to be as accurate as possible, which is why I wanted to get your comments on the newspaper clippings from the San Francisco Examiner of February 23, 1940.

Enclosed is a copy of the ad that appeared in the National Guardian for December 10, 1966, in which it was announced that you would appear at the Militant Labor Forum in San Francisco on December 16, 1966, along with Edward Keating of Ramparts. Since you may not have seen the ad, I am sending it to you for your files.

I have no intention of "smearing" you. I just want to arrive at the facts. Likewise, I have no intention of "smearing" the Warren Commission - I also want to arrive at the full facts in the assassination. That's why I've been reading every book and article that I could get. Though I may not always agree with your interpretations of the events surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy, I do respect your right to make your judgments as you see fit.

Your latest book OSWALD IN NEW ORLEANS (published by Canyon Books of New York City) is very interesting. May I ask two questions:

a) Why did you say in your Prologue that "It is in deference^{to} to my wishes... that Parallax has agreed to bring this book out without the attention it should have." I would think that such a book should have the widest attention possible. Thus far I have seen no ads for it, but an official at Parallax/Canyon told me that the first printing was fifty thousand copies.

b) On page 82 of the book you speak of Oswald being "violently anti-communist" and cite a speech that he made in Mobile, Alabama on August 22, 1963. I could find no reference to any such speech, either in the Warren Report or in the 26 volumes. You gave the name of Paul Piazza and a check of the Warren index shows that his name appears only once: H-9, page 420 - on a list of effects that were found in Oswald's apartment at the Paine house. And the list only says that a letter from Paul Piazza to Oswald was found. I could find no disclosure of the contents of the letter. I had thought that perhaps you would have reproduced it in PHOTOGRAPHIC WHITEWASH, but could not find it there, either. Could you please supply more details and references for this "anti-communist" speech by Oswald?

Sincerely,

