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Dear Thomas Everts,

In ^{my} view patriotism is not supporting the government no matter what but in criticizing it when one believes that is justified

Most people do not believe that LHO acted alone and I suspect most believe he did not shooting, from my mail and calls to me.

It is beyond my capabilities to provide copies of what was edited out. Insertions also were made and I've no idea if correctly. I've no time to read the copy I was sent of it-788 pages! I continue to push to get all I can on paper. *y case of LHO.*

If you have a possible publishing connection, all the indications are the contracted NEVER AGAIN! is being suppressed. No word net on publication date, no sign of preparing for it, no responses to my inquiries, and it was last promised for this coming March and that is no longer in the computer. In fact, march wasn't. This past September was.

I've two other manuscripts in rough draft but I'm not in a position to show them to anyone because the women who are doing the retyping are far from finished. But if anyone is interested I'll be glad to talk to them. My main purpose now is to get it on paper regardless of how well, just so it is restored. And available in the future.

I do not have a copy of the final version of NEVER AGAIN! I've asked for it with no response. I have a copy of as it was edited but when I saw that I made a few changes and some of the cuts merely to make it shorter were restored. Agreed to restored. Pretty thick. At least 200,000 words.

Inside the JFK Assassination Industry is that long or longer. Waketh the Watchman is about 50,000 words.

Thanks and have a good year,





December 21, 1994

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Mr. Weisberg:

Thank you for your letter of December 15th. Both my wife and I are very excited to receive your books. To that end I have enclosed the order form and a check to cover the cost of these materials.

Neither of us was aware that you had done a book on *Oswald in New Orleans*. We have, as you can see, ordered that book as well. I am sure that it will only confirm what I (we) already suspect that David Ferrie, Clay Shaw, Guy Bannister, and Oswald were acquainted. I have visited New Orleans and made a point of going by 544 Camp Street. As Oliver Stone points out, in *JFK*, it sits right in the heart of the New Orleans intelligence community.

As my wife and I read your letter we were struck with the comment you made regarding who was where, what they saw, what they said, and to whom. I agree that you could not use the Warren Report, or any of the books published after the fact in support of that report. But it seems to me, and I will have a better understanding after I digest your books, that if a person were to rely on the work done by *critics* of the Warren Report that a reasonably accurate picture could be developed. My wife agrees with you that much of the available material (& testimony) is tainted (because of who obtained it, their bias, and the suspect conditions surrounding it.). I however, being admittedly naive, think that if one were to compile that data, and it sounded from your letter that you already have, it would be a fascinating view of the events in Dealey Plaza

There is an old saying that there are two kind of people in the world, then we go on to identify two opposing points of view from there. My contention is that there are two kinds of people in the world; the first type believes what their (our) government tells them, and continues to believe that in spite of overwhelming evidence to the contrary. The other kind of person believes that we have been misled from day one on this matter, and are frustrated that we can't get them (Government) to come clean. When I encounter the former I find it difficult not to come off as a lunatic, frothing and all. The reaction is what one might expect when confronted with any fanatic, which by definition is what we are. I know that when some religious nut confronts me that their message is lost in their demeanor. They may have a valid point of view but the hysteria gets in the way of communicating it rationally. My point here is that if people still believe that LHO acted alone, in spite of all the evidence to the contrary, they probably still believe in the Easter Bunny as well. That realization however does not deter me, or other non-believers I suspect, from rushing in to rant and rave given the slightest opening.

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Harold Weisberg

In your letter you make reference to a work completed prior to case open that a awaiting publication. If you have a manuscript available I would be very interested in reading that work. I am not so arrogant to think that I could have any better luck than you have encountered in getting it published, but if it is credible, and since you have authored it I can't imagine anyone questioning that, it might be worth some of my time to approach some of my contacts to test the water. If this is of any interest to you let me know.

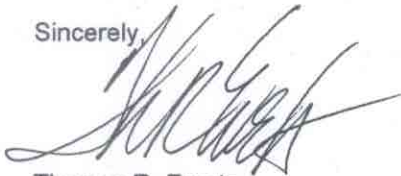
I, like most Americans, wanted to believe that the story we were being given by our Government was true. Why would they lie? What did they have to gain? My initial reaction to works critical to the official position was outrage. How could anyone suggest that the truth was being knowingly withheld. As a patriot (self anointed) I felt it was my duty to support the (my) Governments position. Desperately I continued to hang on to this fantasy longer than I should have, because to accept that the Government lied to us all, was to undermine our faith the concept that it is our Government. Once I accepted the harsh realities of the nature and scope of the fraud I was incensed all over again. This time that because of my faith I had been taken advantage of, and further that those people promoting this tale counted on my patriotism, and used it against me.

This epiphany caused me to evaluate my life with a whole new perspective. My service in Viet Nam took on new meaning, the people that died there, where once I had considered heroes, now appeared to me as victims. It had, as you pointed out, changed the way we look at ourselves and our government. You have demonstrated that one person can make a difference, I don't know what I can do to continue to push this forward but feel honor-bound to do something.

Over thirty years have passed, and while we know more than we have ever known about this tragedy, the blasphemy continues. It is perhaps folly to think that the government will ever admit the truth, and that dismays me more than I can say. I am, after all, still wanting to believe that our leaders feel an obligation to finally treat us like adults.

Thank you for taking the time to respond to my last letter, both Karli and I were honored to receive it.

Sincerely,



Thomas R. Everts