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Dear Mister Weisberg,

1. First of all, as you can see, this letter is dated!
2. I received your two letters recently. Good thing you have decided not to write any more! I don't need any such letters. I had asked for your advice, as everybody in the world will need good advice from other people one day or another. I need good advice. I don't need your patronizing or - worst - your insults!
3. If insulting other people is the trick of your trade, well in that case I don't want anything to do with you any longer. Keep your rude comments for yourself! Maybe that is how you work off your tensions! But I don't like it! I had written to you to get a straight answer to a single basic question. If your aim was to help fellow researchers, you would have replied easily. But it looks like when someone honestly seeks your help you prefer to spit at them! As you wish. Do it your way. But not with me!
4. Like it or not, Mr. Weisberg, you belong, from the point of view of any outsider (any person in the world wanting to study the Kennedy assassination) to a group which can be called "the critics of the Warren Report". Simply speaking, when one has to study American history, they end up seeing that there is the official version (the Warren report), and people who write books saying that version is false. Like it or not, you belong in the second category. I, for one, am willing to try to separate facts from fiction. I live in France, I have a time-consuming job. Therefore it is far more difficult for me to study the JFK assassination because of the difficulty in getting documents and interviewing people. But I get by. I try hard. And all I see is that the "research community" does not exist. All I can see is lots of "researchers" who spend more time quarrelling and speaking ill of each others than trying to gather and work together in order to - at last - solve the case and let it be known to everybody. But pride and money are in the way! Anyway, I have tried to get to the truth. I have read books. That's the first step any reasonable man would do! And all I can see is lots of different things that are said, but are utterly incompatible with one another. I read a book by a critic who says one thing (for example: JFK's body was stolen and tampered with), then I read a book by another critic who says that is

ridiculous and wrong. So what do I do? I try to check. From France, I send letters to people asking questions and asking them to give arguments. "Check", that's the key word. And all I get from you is a letter of insults! You have to understand that from an outsider's point of view you are just one of the critics. I am not and cannot be prejudiced. I will make an opinion after having checked, not before! You seem to claim to be the only one who says the truth (according to you, other critics are wrong, and so is the official version!). Well, don't expect me to believe that before making my own investigations and checking. When I am done, then I will know what to think! Again, like it or not, I am well skilled in critical thinking. I maintain I am quite good at assessing arguments and evidence. You see, I have been trained to know how to draw reasonable conclusions from the evidence. I have been taught not *what* to think, but *how* to think! I need those skills to reach a sane conclusion in the Kennedy assassination affair.

5. I am very well aware of the books you have written. I have seen most of them at the JFK Lancer conference (they had a stall), and also with the owner of "The Last Hurrah Bookshop" who, on the other side of Dallas, was also selling books, among which were some of yours. I skimmed through some of them. I mean, there were dozens of books. Mind you, I am not rich enough to buy all of them.

6. Now let me tell you, once and for all:

- if following the rules of science is childish,
- if applying critical thinking is childish,
- if weighing the evidence is childish,
- if asking pertinent questions to knowledgeable people is childish,
- if trying to learn about common fallacies in reasoning so as to avoid making errors is childish,
- if being rigorous is childish,
- if wanting to write a honest, unbiased and objective book which will be used as a guide presenting thirty years of debates concerning a keynote event in American history is childish...

... then I am very proud to be childish!

Let me close by saying that I am very sorry about the overall tone of our correspondence. As a Christian, I respect everybody and try never to quarrel. As far as the JFK assassination is concerned, I was just trying to seek help and advice from someone who is an expert on the case, after having studied the documents for decades. Nothing more. I never thought you would have that kind of reaction, and never would have believed we would come to that! Please feel sure that you and I share the same goal!

Sincerely Yours,



François Carlier