

Dear Mr. Carlier,

8/17/97

Your two undated letters that came yesterday, one with a copy of an article by you, tell me that any effort to inform you will be wasted and may anger you but the reality is that you are not thinking about the assassination and did not write about the assassination. Like most of those to whom you refer, you are hooked on what it is not even responsible to refer to as their theories because theories should have some basis in fact. And that is something you have not sought, do not now seek and do not refer to even by indirection.

What you say about my Case Open is something I have never heard before and I have heard some pretty farout beliefs! I got about 500 letters about that book and not one said what you say or reflects thinking remotely like yours.

You assume that all those who do not agree with the official assassination mythology agree with each other. When almost all of them have and express pet notions that do not agree?

You assumed that what was right and proper for me as a writer was to defend all those Posner criticized and you actually believe that would be writing about the assassination! As it would not be and as I do.

Only 20-25% of the manuscript was published but if you could read that and not get the idea that I proved Posner was a liar and a plagiarist and could not be believed on anything- that he did not even steal straight - that is because you were looking for what no responsible writer would waste time on and were not paying attention to what was on the printed page.

If you knew anything at all about what you say you will be writing a book about you would know that it is not possible to defend Marrs, who does not write about the assassination but about what are referred to and are not "theories"- and he does not and cannot even get them straight. Ditto for Groden, who like Marrs is whether or not you can understand it, a subject-matter ignoramus.

How can anyone who know the fact defend Lifton and why should any responsible writer do that when he grossly and knowingly misrepresented the reality and based a very successful book on a total impossibility that excited people who did not know and had no source of the truth.

You do not ask yourself the questions a responsible writer must ask himself so he can write truthfully and factually. With Lifton, for example, large as his book is and much as his concoction depends on what the FBI's Sibert-O'Neill report he misuses and misrepresents say, you have no question about why he did not include that in his book? Well, it is because the very paragraph from which he misrepresents what was a question, had there been surgery of the head, proves that the rest of his fabrication is false. It proves that the corpse was not in

either a <sup>by</sup> government shipping casket or a plastic body bag and both are absolute essentials in the disgraceful <sup>and believe</sup> invention of his by which he commercialized that great tragedy and deceived so many people with the wealth he got thereby. Defend him? THAT is for a responsible writer to do? Especially when if you were not ignorant of the field and made no effort <sup>to</sup> learn the realities the whole first part of his book was published decades earlier - mostly by me. What better additional reason is there for me to defend him?

I could go on and on with this but you will not welcome it and I fear I waste the time.

Except for my two books you mention none that is factual and about the proven fact of the assassination. The others are various kinds of imaginings and worse.

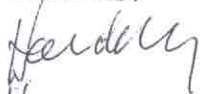
You <sup>say</sup> you have seen me on TV and have been impressed by what I said. Let you had the list of what I published in Case Open and my address and you did not ask me if any of those books are available? As they all are. I did not, you will recall, tell you that I have them and sell them, as Case Open says. That is because my primary intent is not to sell them. I do not want to waste the few copies that remain because they are the basic fact of the assassination and when they are gone, that will be gone.

It is not possible to theorize responsibly about the assassination without good knowledge of the fact that has been established, as much has been officially and today cannot be <sup>put out</sup> ~~disseminated~~ by the government.

As you should have learned from the beginning of NEVER AGAIN! the crime itself was never investigated officially and was never intended to be. This, of course, means that Oswald was appointed the lone assassin and with any knowledge of the officially established fact you would know that is impossible. The official fact - which I have published and in which you have no interest - proves he could not have been the assassin and that officialdom knew that.

You have every right to pursue the childish futility you have taken to yourself and in the end you'll be no less childish in your thinking, your concepts. However, I do not want to waste any more time in this kind of futility so do not expect any further answer from me.

Sincerely,

  
Harold Weisberg