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Dear Richard,

Because I am pressed for time, I shall answer those of your questions that I can answer, briefly.

The expert on the mysterious deaths is Penn Jones, Jr. His address is Midlothian, Texas. He tells what he knows in his book, "Forgive My Grief", which costs \$3.00.

None of the bullets associated with the murder of Patrolman Tippit could be associated with the pistol. The reason given is that the rifling of the pistol was too worn. The shells found at the scene of the crime do match the markings made by the pistol, but they do not match the bullets in manufacture. You will find this in WHITEWASH.

There is no evidence of a Communist plot of conspiracy of anykind, nor is there any reason to suspect one. There is doubt about Oswald's correspondence with the Embassy. I mention some things about this in WHITEWASH II, just out.

Oswald was beaten by the police, unnecessarily, when he was arrested. He seems not to have been beaten thereafter.

Think about your question, "Isn't a forced confession still better than none at all?" A forced confession is without legal standing, and it should be thus. Ever hear of "the third degree"? People who are beaten and intimidated into saying what they do not want to say are not speaking freely. The Supreme Court has handed down a number of important decisions on this. Also, the Constitution forbids it. If such confessions could be used, would anyone ever be free from the threat of police brutality or intimidation? Perhaps you might want to reread the Constitution, which is a wonderful charter of man's rights and freedom.

Attributing motive to those who do wrong is a dangerous thing and may be unfair to them. Until those who tampered with the evidence say why they did each of us will have to decide for himself why this was done. I have considerably more on this in WHITEWASH II.

It is true that Oswald's normal place of employment was the sixth floor. Brennan did not "identify Oswald perfectly". He did not, in fact, identify Oswald that day and his description was not of Oswald.

It is possible that the missing frames of the Teacup film may show nothing significant. It is also possible that what might be significant is that these frames do not show what they should. It is also possible that there may be no special significance. What is not ^{excusable} possible is the printing of the evidence and its delivery to the members of the Commission in this tainted form.

You are correct about Marina's testimony about her husband and a pistol.

There is no reason to believe Ruby had any Communist beliefs or connections. There is no solid evidence of which I know that proves he was part of a conspiracy. There are, however, some hints, such as you will find in the last chapter of Part I of WHITEWASH II.

The destruction of such evidence as the original autopsy report is as shocking as you say. There is no questioning on this in the testimony. This is perhaps even more shocking. There is no reason to suspect the backgrounds of any of the doctors, only their performances. It is a strange coincidence that Ruby is now about to die.

Best wishes,
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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

My name is Richard Feinberg and I am a 13 year old eighth grader. One day my father brought up the subject of the Kennedy assassination. After the discussion I wondered about how many unanswered questions there were. I have gotten together with a friend of mine and we decided to "dig into the facts and theories." I bought your book because when you were on T.V. along with Mark Lane, Pen Jones, and Leo Sarange in September, you seemed to know your facts and were not careless with the truth. I have written to you to ask for additional information if you would be kind enough to give it to me.

1. I would appreciate it if you send me a list of the 14 people who were mysteriously killed, and ~~they~~ how they might have been involved in this case.

2. I would like to know if the bullets found in Patrolman Tippit corresponded to the pistol allegedly found on Oswald.
3. If this bullet corresponded to the pistol and the pistol if fact was not Oswald's; isn't the only conclusion that could be drawn from this fact an implicator of ~~collusion~~ collusion by some element in the Dallas Police Force with the assassination?
4. When Oswald was in Russia he was denied citizenship. When he wrote to the U.S. Embassy to return to the U.S., the Embassy received two letters, one being handed by Oswald, and one being mailed by Oswald. Could this be any indication of a Russian conspiracy? What is your opinion of the authenticity of these letters?
5. I have seen pictures of Oswald before being killed by Ruby in the corridor at the Police Station. Could he, by any chance, have been beaten up by the Dallas Police?

Isn't a forced confession still better than none at all?

6. You and others have indicated that evidence submitted to the Warren Commission was tampered with and would not be admissible in a court of law; do you attribute this to an over-zealous prosecution of a conveniently deceased defendant; or do you intend to suggest that there was a definite attempt on the part of the government to suppress and confine any avenues of fact which might lead to a conclusion other than that drawn by the Commission? If the latter, why?
7. Isn't it true that Oswald was working in the Book Depository on the sixth floor as well as other floors? If so, how can the Warren Commission say the sixth floor is the place! An answer to that might lie with Mr. Brennan who identified Oswald perfectly, except that he said that Oswald was standing while the shooting was taking place,

but it was impossible. I would also like to know why Blumenthal was viewing the alleged window at the sixth floor of the Depository?

8. I believe in your early hit theory, ~~but~~ if this is true how does the omission of Zapruder film frames 208-211 ~~show~~ show any important significance?
9. If I'm not mistaken Marina Oswald testified she never saw her husband with a pistol. Didn't she testify that she took the picture the Lee Harvey Oswald said was superimposed ~~with~~ with a pistol clearly shown?
10. Does Jack Ruby's background show any signs of associating with Communists, or the Communist government? Could he be tied into a conspiracy in any way, be it right, left, etc.?
11. What was Dr. Hume's ~~3~~ reasons for the original autopsy reports? Isn't it unconceivable for medical evidence

of such magnitude both in Parkland Hospital and in Washington D. C., to be so muddled and distorted? Have you investigated the background of the doctors involved? What about the medical evidence on the present Ruby diagnosis? Is it more than coincidence that he has a terminal disease at the time of his new trial?

Whatever information or answers you might find time to give me will be very much appreciated. I was much impressed by your sincerity and honesty both in your book and on T.V. I intend to present a forum at my school, Woodmore Academy, on the unanswered questions of the Warren Report sometime this spring. Please accept my best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

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