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*Memorandum*

TO : Mr. Wick  
FROM : Mr. Jones

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SUBJECT: HAROLD WEISBERG  
AUTHOR OF BOOK, "WHITEWASH"  
INTERVIEW ON WTOP RADIO  
9-12-66

*Assassination of Kennedy*

Harold Weisberg, author of the book, "Whitewash," which is a controversial study of the assassination of President Kennedy and the Warren Commission Report, was interviewed by Bob Raiford on WTOP Radio at 2:10 p.m. today.

Basically, Weisberg's comments followed the general theme of other individuals questioning the facts surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy. Weisberg commented that the Warren Commission Report on which his entire book is based leaves a lot of questions unanswered and that the Commission did not do the job which was expected of it. He contends that the entire matter must be investigated in public, preferably by Congress.

Weisberg commented that there is serious doubt concerning all conclusions in the Report and that the Report is replete with too many coincidences. He contends that the evidence clearly indicates that at least two individuals were involved in the assassination and that there is no proof that Oswald actually was in the sixth floor window of the Texas Depository Bookstore as stated in the Report.

Weisberg questioned the sight on the gun allegedly used by Oswald and said that the FBI could not even get the sight to function properly. He also commented that a different automobile was used in the re-enactment of the assassination and that the FBI reached conclusions without taking into consideration the different size of the car and the seats. Weisberg commented that one question which is still unanswered was volunteered by Mr. Hoover during his testimony before the Commission and that was: "Why didn't the assassin shoot prior to the car turning left off of Houston Street?" Weisberg commented that Mr. Hoover answered this by saying: "There was a tree in the way"; however, according to Weisberg, there are no trees on Houston Street.

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All in all, the interview with Weisberg was a rehash of the many unfounded allegations which have been made concerning the assassination and merely another effort on the part of a writer to exploit the assassination for his own financial gain.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

Wick ✓

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President House, Washington, D.C. 20518

8 September 1966

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*Association of Presidents*

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find bulletin board announcements for an upcoming WTOP RADIO program which we believe will be of interest to you and to members of your organization. By posting these announcements in a conspicuous location which will be seen by your associates, we hope they will be able to hear and enjoy this pertinent and informative program.

WTOP RADIO tries to vary its programming to inform and interest as many special groups of the public as possible. If you have any comments to offer concerning this special program, or any of our other programs, please direct them to us. We are always glad to receive any comments from our listeners, particularly those involved in some way with the subjects of our various broadcasts.

Again, we hope you will be able to post the enclosed announcements in some prominent area; the goal of WTOP RADIO is to serve the people of the Washington area.

Please do not hesitate to call if we can be of any further service to you.

Sincerely,

Charles LaMascia  
Director of  
Community Affairs

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September 14, 1984

Dear Harold:

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your two letters, dated August 1, 1984 and September 7, 1984, and the enclosed xerox copies of FBI documents you had generously photocopied for me. I have not had the chance to review the documents, having received simultaneously a batch of FBI documents pursuant to one of my FOIA requests. I am now focusing on reviewing the documents released to me by the FBI so that I can challenge within the specified time limits some of the massive deletions that they made. I have found, given how capricious some of these deletions are, that I can win minor victories. And, I do want to create a record outlining the basis for my challenge--a record which will have no bearing on any future litigation but which might prove of interest to congressional oversight committees.

Because I have not read the documents you sent on to me, I cannot express fully my appreciation for your willingness not only to select the documents but to provide the detailed background report. I am confident that I shall find that <sup>summary description</sup> extremely helpful, and thus (if sight unseen) I have no hesitation to express my gratitude for this yeoman effort.

Let me remind you to send me an itemized bill for xerox charges and mailing costs. I shall remit this bill, providing a record of the expenditure, to the University for processing a check against the funds I have to defray processing charges for FBI files. The University is pretty efficient, and I can promise that you will receive a check within 10 days after I receive your bill.

Let me conclude by thanking you again. Work on the biography continues and I have every intention of meeting the fall 1985 submission deadline.

As ever,



Athan Theoharis



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