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11/17/91

Dear Mr. Gagel,

Thanks for your letter of the 13th.

With regard to Les Whitten, in addition to being one of the "nicest" he is also a very decent man and a principled reporter, all in all, one of the very best!

All my books are still available but two in good xerox copies only, both with durable binding. I enclose our list.

I did not see the five-part A & E program because we do not have cable and because at my age and with my many health problems and restrictions I avoid wasting time on any of the theorized conclusion or solutions none of which have any factual basis and all of which deceive and mislead the people. I refused to be interviewed for that one three or more years ago until I was assured by Nigel Turner that he would not do what he then did do, for the first version first aired in England and now in this one.

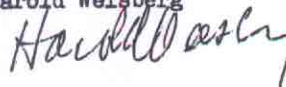
Unless you asked for confidentiality I should have the FBI's account of your statement in the 250,000 pages of once-withheld records I got under FOIA lawsuits. I'll appreciate anything you can tell me about this, particularly the date and place of interview, so I can see if they provided or withheld it.

I remember WFLA, or at least I think that station, very well because ~~xxxx~~ I did evening talks shows on it often. The last I recall was when I was in New Orleans. Needing a phone and quiet I asked Pershing Gervais, when we both were in the Fontainebleau, if he could locate one for me there. He took me to a fine, large office, put the Scotch out, got me ice and water, tipped his imaginary hat to me and left. It was not until the government placed an income-tax charge against Garrison that I learned that Pershing was a government informer and that the phone he turned over to me was one that was tapped.

Jim Marrs does list my books in his bibliography but only to make his look like what it is not, a work of solid research. He to the best of my knowledge hasn't even read them. His book is entirely of the mostly irresponsible, all unproven and almost all impossible conspiracy theories. I believe they all mislead and deceive the people. I may see if I can get their 800# from the operator if I feel up to it. I have one of my two annual seminars at local Hood College, where all my records will be a free public archive, that night. One of the consequences of the last of my numerous surgeries, open-heart, is that while I sleep well I awaken too early and wide awake. So rather enfeebled, I usually retire early and that night I won't be able to. It could be fun, though! Frightfully bad book and so much error and stupidity in it, too. I could have them falling out of their chairs.

Thanks and I would like to know what you can say about what transpired when you were in the military.

Sincerely, Harold Weisberg



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November 13, 1991

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I met Les Whitten, at the ABA in New York, in early June- as the company that I work with may become distributors of Leisure Press- of which one or more of his recent books will be done in paperback. Mr. Whitten, is one of the nicest authors I have met in my fifteen or so years in the book business.

In fact, he was good enough to give a review for my best friend who had his first book (a novel) published this past June, by Crown Books.

In September of this year I started watching a program on the A&E channel- a five part series on The Men Who Killed Kennedy. In watching I saw you interviewed- and the fact that you worked with Jack Anderson- and I knew that Mr. Whitten, had also worked with him.

The reason for the letter is two-fold

1. I have never had the privilege to obtain or read any of the books you have published on the John F. Kennedy assassination- or the one that you did I believe on Dr. Martin Luther King.

How and where would I be able to obtain any or all of these books? Any light that you can shed on this would be very helpful.

2. I also have some information that I would like to send you about something that happened to me while I was in the military service. It deals with the assassination of John F. Kennedy!

I have given statements to the FBI and Secret Service and a newspaper story was written about it. Mr. Whitten was kind enough to give me both your home address and phone #. However, instead of maybe bothering you I thought it best to write first.

Also, I thought I would tell you that next Tuesday November 19th- Mr. Jim Marrs will be on the Mark Larson program which is on WFLA 970 AM from nine until twelve noon. Their telephone # is area code (813) 8399393- that will be just the number to the office as I do not really know their 1-800 # that is good from anywhere. I hope that maybe you will call as Mr. Marrs does use your books in his selected bibliography.

If you wish to call instead of writing I've included my home #

FOR YOU

Thank You,
Scott M. Gagel