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Dear Dr. Goldberg,

I wish I had the time to respond to your letter in the detail you'd like and with the answers you seek but at 79 and with many medical problems and a constantly interrupted effort to write I do not have that time. Full responses would take much time.

As a general statement of what controls all that is possible, the crime itself was never officially investigated and was never intended to be. As a result there are no leads for private persons to follow and there will not be the smoking gun Oliver Stone has led so many to believe are hidden in withheld records.

In about September, 1966, when I'd finished the draft of my ~~fix~~ second book (all are rough drafts except for Post Mortem, which I did take a little, very little, time to go over without any major changes) I woke the middle of a night with an idea for an epilogue. Thinking we could reason out way to a solution by probing cui bono was, as I soon realized, a bit naive. We can eliminate in our thinking that way but we cannot incriminate.

I have no theory and no ~~pos~~position in the sense you use the word. I believe that with my first book I proved that beyond questions there had been a conspiracy. But as the commercializers, exploiters and self-promoters refuse to recognize, knowing that there had been a conspiracy does not identify any conspirators. *How many prove there was a conspiracy?*

I believe that Oswald was not consciously part of anything; ^{but} again we cannot know/ And he was not "erratic."

I think the most reasonable explanation of the assassination is that it was pulled off by those who either wanted to get rid of ^{JFK} him and his changed policies or wanted Johnson and his policies. The number who fit either is great, of course.

The most effective means of informing the people are not available because all elements of the major media are denied us. What each person undertakes in the hope of its being the most effective means will, I suppose, be the one with which he can do best. But I think it is better to begin with an understanding of the seeming reality: it now is not possible to move officialdom and were it to be moved, it would do what you can expect it would do in investigating itself. Until I started on another book I was devoting most of the time I have to perfecting the record for history. In any event, one cannot responsibly by lecture, book, drama, novel, movie or any other means tell the people who killed JFK or why and, of course, there is no documentation. That the people want the truth so much is what has created the market for all the commercializations and exploitations that have deceived, misled and confused them. And helped the official miscreants.

and so I also cannot provide any clues which you ask for.

Through about a dozen FOIA lawsuits I got in all about 250,000 JFK assassination pages of government records, mostly the FBI's. I am not able to search them for others but I do let all writers have access to them and to use our copier.

The coverup was by the government but we do not know why, at least at the outset. It could have been merely because they had not the slightest idea what had happened and with a bird in hand they did not beat the bushes. Thereafter it could have been to cover their asses over this. But we really have no way of knowing.

You seem to believe that the information exists but needs only being brought to light. I know of no reason to believe that.

At the beginning of your letter you refer to your "researches." I presume this means that you read undependable books. That really is not research. One of your problems from now on will be trying to avoid all the misinformation you've been influenced by.

Also, do not build any hopes for getting what you seek from the much-discussed withheld records. What you want is what the government avoided, so it is not there.

I think you'll be better off and in the end less frustrated if you can come to terms with the realities, unwelcome as they are.

Sorry I can't be of more help.

Best wishes,

Harold Weisberg



Dear Mr. Weisberg:

We welcomed receiving your rather straightforward letter of July 11th 1992. Your advice, had it come 10 years ago, would have saved us agonizing over the contradictions discovered in our researches. But it also might have meant not poring over all four volumes of Whiteback and Oswald in New Orleans. So some efforts are worth making!

^{PH} You are best debunking others' speculations - However we have no sense of your position. How do you account for

the assassination of President Kennedy?

Do you consider it successful (was killing Kennedy the only objective)?

Did Oswald have any active knowing involvement in the assassination? Did he co-operate with being a patsy?

If he was so evasive how could anyone count on him not messing up? (like leaving town or yelling [not shooting] out of one of the Book Depository windows)

If Oswald was so politically-minded why wasn't he outside or otherwise observing (and being observed) the Presidential motorcade?

We know of your disgust

at being exploited by the Oliver Stones of this world and are familiar with your actions to make the public conscious of his total lack of integrity.

Indeed, we wish to offer an alternative - Right now we do not know and can not decide on the most effective method (drama, film, lectures, report) we write seeking your assistance.

You are good at pointing out obstacles and dangers. Still, after all your labors, thirty years have gone by and no-one has supplied substantive evidence, either of forensic, legal, or psychological nature, to prove who killed the President, how, why.

We want you to guide and direct us (what documents/people) People are ripe for the truth but they no longer are satisfied with who covered-up the truth and why. People, even though they are treating it like a murder mystery, merely would like (a) name [] to hang the assassination on!! Can you provide clues/answers?

If you can, but are unwilling to, please say so. If not, tell us what you know!!!

Thank you,
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