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Dear Herman,

I appreciate your call yesterday and your assurance that NEVER AGAIN! will be published with no editing or cutting other than what last year Peter Skutches and I agreed on after the restoration of some of the content that had been removed by the outside editor in the belief that a shorter book was desired. If it cannot be before this coming March, with copies available earlier, there is nothing that can be done now about my unhappiness over that and I accept it. I hope I am still here then but I have no reason to be optimistic about the probabilities, and I know I can be of help to any book I do if I have the opportunity.

That you agree the book should be prepared for publication now whether or not it is published I also appreciate and it is not impossible that can be important in all interests. Unlike what you have been publishing and may or may not believe, this and all my work is entirely factual and virtually entirely from the official evidence. It is solid factually, one of the reasons it can influence developments or be influenced and benefitted by them. This could have been possible when the LBJ phone conversations were allegedly disclosed. Some of which I have absolutely solid proof in the book were not included. And they make a prima facie case that LBJ was in on and took part in the conspiracy not to investigate the crime that the book documents at the very beginning. It there uses the Secret Service records of his calls. This de facto conspiracy dates to the moment it was known that Oswald was dead and there would be no trial. Johnson had a phone call from Bill Moyers the first time Johnson could receive it and it was to Moyers to give to Johnson that the decision not to investigate the crime was relayed. Those who cooked it up with <sup>with</sup> Nicholas Katzenbach and J. Edgar Hoover. When Johnson finished talking to Moyers he called Hoover immediately and then called Katzenbach. If this had been disclosed from a book then ready when those calls were allegedly disclosed officially, it could and with any attention at all would have created a major scandal and that would have been of great value to a book. *And the book to the country.*

I am not and I do not pretend to be Merlin remembering the future. But I know this subject like nobody else does and I have a background of experience nobody else working in the field has. I've been a reporter, an investigative reporter, a Senate investigator and editor and although never a spook when I was in intelligence, in OSS, where I was an analyst, I was also a troubleshooter with successful assignments after those in intelligence and counterintelligence had failed with them.

As Dick Gallen told me years ago in as fine a compliment as I can remember, "You are the most conservative man I know. You can say what may seem extreme but in the end it turns

out to be <sup>1</sup> *true and* understated." So I am not telling you what I think will happen. I am telling you what I think can happen and has a good chance that it will. There can be many developments that can make NEVER AGAIN! instantly very topical. Because it costs no more to get it ready now than it will next year and may well cost less, I think it is the course of wisdom to do that now and be in a position to be able to benefit if there are any such developments. With the disclosure of all the records now the chances are better. Although with few exceptions those going over the records lack the knowledge they need to see in them what is there. You have an example of this in the Afterword I sent Peter Skutches a while back. Its content is very important historically and in terms of the book's importance and sales potential. It also adds a dimension to possible appeal, to those who have no special interest in the assassination but are Kennedy-lovers because it is positive proof that it was not the Kennedy family that interfered with the autopsy but the Navy. And remember, this is the book that with official evidence only makes the case of a military conspiracy in the assassination.

I am sorry that it is unsafe for me to travel and that you can probably see no benefit in coming here because there is much more that is possible while I am live and that can have enduring value. There are also public-relations possibilities you can then see. Such as being able to give out photos of what I draw upon in my work. Walt Brown was here when you phoned. Because of impaired hearing I use a speakerphone so he heard the conversation. He also made a trip to my basement and he can tell you the picture possibilities it holds and how impressive that can be. It holds, aside from much of my own work, about a third of a million pages of once-secret records I got by a dozen or more FOIA lawsuits. There ~~is~~ is nobody who can show anything like that on this or on any other subject. And the Department of Justice itself says that I know more about it, including the FBI's own investigation, than anyone in the FBI. Herman, these are the most unique of credentials if you have anyone who knows anything at all about public relations. I'll send you a copy of that.

Two Members of the Warren Commission agreed with me. Actually, it was the other way around only I then did not know it. I have a relationship with the most conservative of them, Senator Russell, and he was respectful of my work and encouraged it until his dying day. <sup>credentials?</sup> I have written a long article on that a friend is trying to place. It is regarded as also historically important by the two outstanding subject-matter experts among professional historians, both dear friends. That could easily be expanded into a book because Russell's disagreements were broader than the one I emphasize in that article and in doing that what was cut out of Case Open that I regret very much ~~was~~ can be used. ~~Nobody~~ Nobody has or can have a book saying and proving that two <sup>of</sup> Members of the Warren Commission agree with its author and can prove the validity of <sup>their</sup> ~~these~~ questions as what was cut from Case Open does.

One reason I believe that none of you has experience in this kind of public relations is that as soon as I finished the rough draft of that article I sent a copy up and never heard that it had even been received. *It could have promoted Case Open.*

Can you imagine the potential of a book that first proves with their own records that two members of the Warren Commission did not agree with its basic conclusion and that when their other questions and objections are explored with their own evidence Oswald is proven innocent without any question at all?

In fact, I think that if I am not able to do it someone like Peter Skutches can with what I have on paper now. With existing official pictures illustrating it, too!

On the unknown contemporaneous pictures that validate Oswald's alibi, that he had carried certain rods, not a ~~rifle~~ rifle, the morning of the assassination, I'll enclose a xerox of <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~. I do not recommend getting them now and attracting attention to them as I had in mind when I thought the book was about to be published but when the time comes they should be gotten. If that is not possible, photographically enough can be done from the contact prints I have. This <sup>has to</sup> does not stand by itself and it is a powerful addition to the case I have on paper and was cut from Case Open. You may remember that when Dick said he wanted the book to be like a lawyer's brief I said that was what I was doing. It is what I did, was eliminated and is <sup>still</sup> close to ready for use.

In terms of public relations and in appeals to those who go for scholarship and such credentials, my wife and I are the only people to have been awarded honorary doctorates for work on the assassinations. In the humanities last August, and that could have helped the book if, as I'd hoped and expected, it had been published promptly.

I add what I hope you will not misunderstand for I have no personal or anti-anybody motive. My mail for about the past year is heavy with praises for being completely factual and in expressions of disgust for the other writing, much of which has destroyed itself and other work like it. My mail is heavy. I've heard from more than 20,000 strangers. Most of ~~it~~ it now goes into what I say above in various ways and what I think can be important to anyone appraising a potential <sup>market</sup> market, is heavily from those who say either that they had not been born when JFK was killed or were quite young when it happened. I do get mail from older people. Yesterday from a man who referred to his <sup>cat</sup> grand-grand nephew. (Of which I have more than a few.) But most of those from whom I hear are young, are interested, and shun the vapid theories and theorizing. I have a strong suspicion that you got at least a good indication of this with the self-descriptive "Billin the Truth". I think that kind of crap has killed its own market. And that the remaining market is favorable to solid work, all factual and all established by fact that can be shown. I mean official fact. It is not <sup>as</sup> easy for the corrupt media to argue against that.

So, thanks for your call and thanks for the assurances I wanted.

Best wishes,  
*Harold*  
Harold Weisberg

When Raphaela Seroy finishes retyping the original of Case Open that, as you may remember from our telephone agreement I was to get three copies of, I can take from it what can make the book of the article I refer to above, "Senator Russell Dissents," and whether or not there is interest in it now it can exist in the event any interest develops.

It would be a good idea and helpful if <sup>and</sup> when she is finished the computer is asked to make two complete copies. I have gotten parts of two copies only and I would have them complete <sup>and to have</sup> had the second one to use in putting the book together. Ours is a very slow xerox machine and the copying would take a great amount of time.

Later, after a bit more thought. Another rare opportunity for NEVER AGAIN! had it been ready was when Connally died. As usual the nuts called for removing a fragment from his body that holds two of them, claiming that would prove there had been a conspiracy. While that is true, it was the one approach certain to fail, as it did. NEVER AGAIN! holds the proof those fragments could not have come from the supposedly magic single bullet. It holds more on that but I cite this as an example of what could have attracted interest had it been used with the books backstopping. When the nuts were getting the press, this <sup>also</sup> could have, without the taint of theorized conspiracies.

With what NEVER AGAIN! has on Arlen Specter I am certain that after it appears he will never run for public office again. It can be a significant factor in Pennsylvania politics and what it has on Specter will appeal to those women who resent what he did to Anita Hill. I think their publications can go for the book. *(Possible lead of release enclosed)*

Bracketing the inflexible opposition of Senators Russell and Cooper and the memory-holding of their opposition with a solid and irrefutable case for Oswald's innocence, entirely from the official evidence, should have real possibilities, I think. There has been no book anything like that and with 90% of the people not believing the official mythology, I think there is a market for it. Plus I think it is about time for that approach other than in the imagined evidence of the invented evidence and the faulty theories. Of which, from my mail, the readers have had more than enough and are turned off by it.

What do you think of the title, OSWALD WAS INNOCENT: Two Warren Commissioners ~~said~~ Prove It, of some modification of the subtitle?

Still not a peep from Posner, Random House or their lawyers, and this I must keep confidential for now, even though they have been challenged by Case Open in court.

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