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Dear Ms. Prior,

The first batch of proofs and your 2/10 reached here just as I was being driven to the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, which took the whole day. I was able to read to ~~XX~~ xii, where I was stumped. The footnote is ~~not~~ other than I wrote and is incorrect. So I have to begin with what I could not figure out yesterday, how to make it correct without requiring a change in paging. I'll do it, but with having to count units it will take some time. I'll rush to the degree possible for me but I write to tell you that if there is much of this, no matter how much I rush it will take time.

As I indicated earlier, I'm almost 82, feeble and limited in what I am now able to do. I cannot sit at a desk with my feet under it because I must keep them elevated. You can see what this means to my typing. You ask me to answer the copy editor's questions. That I will have to do last. I cannot spread the copy out on my desk and turn the pages of it as I finish with each sheet of proofs. And those proofs I have to hold sideways or a clipboard to write on them, there being two to a sheet. It will speed things up if we understand that I'll not be adding the citations I told you are not possible for me and if you give ~~me~~ me the proof page numbers on which they appear. I have a copy of what I sent you so I return ~~that~~ in the event you do this. If you do not, please understand that because I cannot use both the copy and the page proofs together that will take me some time. I cannot depend on remembering those things as I read the proofs.

Although the indications are that except for the Epilogue and the Afterword the entire book was retyped earlier, I was not aware of that and did not see any of it until I tried to answer the copy editor's questions as best I can. As a result, if there is much like the footnote on xii when I can do nothing that will change paging it may take some time!

Not being informed creates other time problems. The trip to Baltimore alone always tires me for a day or so. I rested poorly last night. Today I have three medical appointments in the morning. I'll be lucky to get much done in the afternoon. Tomorrow morning I have to take my wife to the hospital for tests that we have been told will take hours. So I cannot expect to get much done tomorrow. Aside from a few other medical appointments we did not have time to delay I have two every other morning. These I cannot change. But they are first thing in the morning. And on days ~~when I cannot~~ ^{can} I may not go out I have to take two hours for walking in a mall, most of which is resting, to do what walking I can for my heart, which was operated on more than five years ago. But I'll rush as much as I can. Do you want me to wait until I have finished this batch or should I send it in takes?

Best wishes,
Harold Weisberg

Harold

2/8/95

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Dear Ms. Prior,

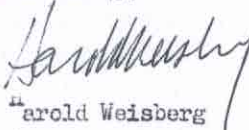
Herewith the answers and comments I can make to the copy editor's flagged questions for the last part of NEVER AGAIN!

Thinking about the question, 589, asking for the "correct" name of Senator Long, which I took to mean which senator by that name, I quoted the memo verbatim and it does not make that identification. I think that of the alternatives, identifying him as Senator Edward Long, which might be correct, is the poorest because it might not be correct.

Two alternatives are to leave the quote undisturbed or to add a note saying that which of two Senator "Long" is not indicated. And the latter assumes what I do not recall either way, whether Russell^{Long} then was still a Senator.

I appreciate that UPS was used this time. That meant although getting it too late to use it yesterday I was able to respond to each flag in time to make the morning mail this morning.

Sincerely,


Harold Weisberg

499 asks for JAMA page. As I explained before, getting this page citations is now impossible for me because I do not have access to our basement where, after two years, I ~~had~~ ^{had} to move all of that for space in my office

500 Ditto

502 Ditto. This note also asks re lines 1 and 2 can 29 be changed to 28. I think this refers back to 500, the CBS broadcast of 1867, so OK.

503 - JAMA-ditto

505-Ditto

507 Ditto

513 Ditto

514 Ditto. I do not see the purpose of the other note ^{of} opposite 11 lines up. It reads Per AFIP (check mark) when Blumberg was director from 1963-7, rank was Maj. Gen. But OK

515 JAMA ditto

516 JAMA ditto

525Ditto

526 Ditto

528 Ditto 529 529 Ditto

531 Ditto

535 In flipping the pages I notice that lines 609 were ^{is} eliminated. This ^{is} not what I believe is normal copy editing and it denies the ^{is} read/information the reader should have as should the record for history for later scholars. After four lines there is another such excision. I believe this is true also of the last excision on this page. I have said that I have the full steno transcript of Finck's New Orleans testimony but I here restrict myself to what I cite of it that I used in Post Mortem. This change thus makes the book appear to be drawing on all of Finck's testimony when it does not. It uses only what I used in PM.

536 JAMA ditto. My eye could not miss the extensive cut at the ^o bottom half of this page so I read it and the cut through most of 538. This chapter is "Was There a Military Conspiracy?" Even if this in some ways might duplicate what I say ~~else~~ ^{is} elsewhere, and I do not believe it does, it belong here very much. It eliminates ~~the~~ ^{is} ~~the~~ that the military controlled the autopsy absolutely! And that is an ~~essential~~ ^{is} in this chapter and in the book and in history. Moreover, as this cut continues through page 537, how can mere copy editing remove the fact that the government got Boswell to go to New Orleans prepared to be a witness for the Clay Shaw defense? While at this point I can do nothing about it I believe this is not copy editing by any standard, is very wrong, should never ^e ben done without the consent of the author, hurst the book and ^K makes much less of a record for out history of it than it would have been. I have no ^e idea how many of these they may be because I'm just turning pages to get to the clipon notes. This is editing

content and that is [']not [']copy editing. I also, being able to do nothing else about it, record the fact this and anything ~~else~~ like it violates the agreement we reach ^{on} the editing about a year and a half ago, in writing. I see in turning to the next clipon note that much more of this is done. I regard it as wrong, as very wrong and as interfering with the content and what this book and this particular chapter say about the possibility of a military conspiracy.

544 JAMA ditto

545 ditto

546 In turning the pages I see that all but four lines of this page have been eliminated. What is eliminated begins by addressing the reasons for which the military could have or would have taken control, ^{if} the autopsy and then goes into them. Same is true of 547-8. In eliminating the end page and a half of this chapter its conclusion was also eliminated. This happens also to have been a summing up of information for the reader on the matter.

552 The note reads "Earlier five inches of Connally's fourth rib!" ~~The~~ ~~copy~~ editor should change the earlier reference to make it the same as this. ["]his is correct. I do not have access to the transcript of Dolce's interview so to confirm my recollection I ~~checked~~ ^{checked} the Warren ~~Report~~. It says fifth on page 92.

557-8 In turning pages I see that copy editing also includes eliminating what the author regards as importa^{nt} with respect to Arlen Specter, who arranged the corruption of our history with regard to the medical and ballistics and related evidence, to eliminate reference to how he did the same thing to make Clarence ^{Thomas} a Justice of the Supreme Court. This is ~~not~~ ^{not} copy editing? Or is it becoming part of Specter's announced campaign for the presidency? This is part of a portrayal of the man who did what he did ^{and then} after profited politically from the deepest of possible subversions in a country like ours. This is among other things censorship, not editing, and as with the generals above, very, very wrong.

572 JAMA ditto

574 The note reads after reference to what Finck ~~stated~~ ^{testified} to, that they "were 'told not to trace the path of the bullet through the body and therefore did not." Although I am rushing to be able to get this in today's mail I took the time to read back and through this. It refers to his "New Orleans testimony. I ~~no~~ ^{now} cannot retrieve that transcript to cite the page. I believe I used it in full earlier, and this gets to an earlier excision I noted above, that all I cited from that testimony is what I used of it in Post Mortem, ^{only}.

589 The note reads "Correct name of Long?" In checking back to see which Senator Long is referred to in what I have within quote, I see that on page 588 the sources of my direct quotation of Senator Russell is eliminated. But the JAMA articles, cited by date, need their page numbers? I have checked my office files on all those named a

and the cited record is not there. Not only do I now not have access to those files in the basement but ~~because~~ because this is a direct quotation I believe that the FBI record did not identify which Senator Long. I do not recall when Senator Russell Long of Louisiana's term ended. Senator Edward Long of Missouri, much more liberal than Russell Long, was still in the Senate in 1968. Unless in the ms. there is an earlier reference to him, I think it would be ~~it~~ better not to add Edward's name as I think is indicated in line 3 as to be done. From their political records it is more likely that Russell would be more anti-Warren than Edward and that Cuneo would be more likely from his politics to be close to Russell. Tamm's first ^a name is not asked for and there were ^{two} brothers. The one referred to her is E.A., ^{once} ~~then~~ a ~~tap~~ assistant to Hoover and later a federal appeals court judge.

This is the last note. Because I believe there can be interest in the Afterword by the board that is to see to it that all assassination records are disclosed I turned to it to see if there are any excisions of what could be of interest to it. I find that on 749 what absolutely should not have been eliminated referring to the procedures of the HSAC was cut. Again, while I do not make an issue of it, I think it should be restored. If the consideration was space, this is of but 10 typed lines.

750- I think the short elimination of others getting records, two lines and one word, can be ~~misused~~ ^{misused} to reflect on me. I did not and do not want to present myself as the only one to force records from the memory hole and I was not alone. By the time this book appears it is likely that a committee will have more pages than ^I do.

751 Likewise my credit to ~~ease~~ ^{ease} for ~~handling~~ ^{handling} those lawsuits when I could not pay him.

756 Changes a name within quotes where the man was given as "Marian" and my four lines of explanation. This is wrong for several reasons. One is that the ^{direct} quotation is from and reflects on the ~~HSA~~ HSCA. It reflected their carelessness among other things. Also eliminated ^{is} ~~is~~ the identification of Canning. I now do not remember why ^I included his name when ~~it~~ it is not within what I quote. It is not impossible that he was there and is cited ~~of~~ asking a question or answering one.

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2/4/95

Dear Ms. Prior,

Enclosed are a copy of Raphaela Seroy's letter to me of 1/31, a page from ~~page~~ Case Open that should, with correction, be included in NEVER AGAIN! and my responses to the copy editor's questions. Raphaela asked me to send them to you.

It may seem strange to you that I tell you I cannot cite what is in my basement because I do not have access to it. Much of this is rather strange to me, too. Peter Skutches and I reached agreement on what ^{and would not} would be eliminated the middle of 1993 and he then told me the ms. would then go to the copy editor. If that had happened, I then was able to use the stairs a little and I also had a student part-time helper who had a little time in which she could retrieve and refill for me. The first knowledge I had that the ms. had been retyped was on opening the ^Cpackage from Raphaela. In a year and a half. Although I believe that citations to the issue of the magazine quoted should be adequate, I am more than willing to add the page numbers if and when that is possible.

If that is not too late.

We are in the early stages of what is predicted to be a severe snow storm. As ^{at} 5 a.m. this morning, I can see six inches of snow atop a bird feeder! The prediction is that we can get up to two feet of it by tomorrow, when winds of 40 mph are predicted. That means at the least drifting, and I've seen drifts 18 feet high around here, and possibly trees down. Branches down alone can interrupt current for ~~as~~ as long as it ~~the~~ takes to get a crew and for it to find the break. I do not know how long it will be before we can get out or anyone can get in. We are 350 feet from the country road on which we live. It is probable that someone can get in before it is safe for my wife and me to try to go out. With luck in two and a half months we will have ~~been~~ accumulated 165 years between us. And we both are limited more than by our years. Although it exceeds what is medically prohibited for me, from time to time I have to help her out of a chair. My typing, for which I apologize, is in part as bad as it is because I must keep my legs elevated when I am sitting.

Why in the basement?

I got about a third of a million pages of once-secret government records by a series of FOIA lawsuits. The only space we have for them and about 10 file cabinets of my own work product is the basement. My small office holds 24 file cabinets of which seven are two-drawer. There is not even stacking space atop them. Nor space in them. So my current writing is in boxes atop these cabinets. If I live long enough to write another book I'll have to get the Case Open boxes to the basement to have room for another file box!

So please believe me, it just is not possible for me to get that letter to me from

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Dear Mr. Weisberg —

Here is the first half
of your page proofs for
NEVER AGAIN!

Please make any corrections
& return this to me as soon
as possible. The second half
should arrive to you the
end of next week.

Best wishes,

Jennifer Prior

P.S. I am returning herewith your
answers to the copyeditor's queries
which you yourself should
 incorporate.