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Dear Mr. Goldolfo,

Many thanks for the time and trouble in locating the Rankin quote. Sorry you haven't found it. After all this time, it is possible my recollection is unclear, but on the fact of his having made the statement and my having seen it in the Times I am certain. I may be wrong in what is associated with it in my mind, but it seems to be one of two events. The magazine Liberation (I believe, but I am not entirely certain) carried an article by Harold Waldman on where the majority of the spectators thought the shots had come from; or in comment on an article by Trevor Roper that appeared in the Sunday Times of London.

Your list of tapes is promising-looking, and your files of organized clipings may be very valuable. I hope you preserve them intact. Perhaps some day they can become part of an archive.

I will remember your invitation, for which I am grateful, and possibly some time I can accept it. What I'd like to do, some time when I have to stay over night in New York, is visit you that night and see what you do have.

Mark Lane has left the New York area. Where he will make his permanent residence, I do not know. I heard he was going to teach at Stanford, then I heard he was going to New Orleans for the duration of the trial.

You have a number of tapes that I do not. I'm glad to know what you do have.

On your flyer, may I suggest that it is not precise to say that everything in the Archives is denied everyone? By now I am confident more than half of the material is accessible to qualified researchers. There is still too much suppression - any is too much. From the very beginning, however, some of it was available. As the staff of the Archives can arrange it, additional sections are made available. For example, ten more boxes of certain kinds of papers were opened today. I will begin looking at them tomorrow. On the other hand, the Commission banned some materials, as you know from my writings, and federal agencies, notably the FBI and CIA, other large segments. But it is not accurate to say that all of it is denied.

Many thanks for your efforts. My thanks also to your wife. Keep it up!

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

A SEARCH FOR THE TRUTH

A RECENT SURVEY SHOWS THAT 67% OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DO NOT ACCEPT THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE WARREN REPORT, THAT LEE OSWALD ACTING ALONE, KILLED PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON HAS PLACED ALL OF THE EVIDENCE, INCLUDING THE X-RAYS AND THE PHOTOGRAPHS, IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES IN WASHINGTON, TELLING US THAT WE, THE CITIZENS OF THIS COUNTRY, CANNOT SEE THIS VITAL INFORMATION UNTIL THE YEAR 2035 ! RIDICULOUS !

THIS IS A DEMOCRACY, AND IN A DEMOCRACY, THE PEOPLE MAKE THE DECISIONS. IN A DEMOCRACY, WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO ACT. WE CAN DEMAND THAT THE PRESIDENT OPEN UP THE FILES AND LET US KNOW WHAT REALLY HAPPENED ON NOVEMBER 22, 1963.

WE CAN DEMAND THAT OUR CONGRESS PASS LEGISLATION SO THAT WE CAN FIND OUT WHO KILLED OUR PRESIDENT, AND WHY HE WAS KILLED.

I LOVED MY LATE PRESIDENT AND THE THINGS HE STOOD FOR.

THAT IS WHY I HAVE UNDERTAKEN THIS PROJECT, ALONE, AND UNAIDED BY ANYONE OR ANY GROUP. AT MY OWN EXPENSE, I HAVE HAD THESE CIRCULARS PRINTED. I PREFER IT THIS WAY.

ALL I DESIRE IS TO GET AS MANY NAMES AS POSSIBLE, AND BRING THEM PERSONALLY TO WASHINGTON IN PETITION-LIKE FORMS.

SO, PLEASE, DON'T THROW THESE CIRCULARS AWAY, BUT PASS THEM ON TO YOUR FRIENDS.

PLEASE, PLEASE, HELP ME IN THIS EFFORT FOR THE TRUTHFUL EVIDENCE IN THIS CASE BY SENDING ME YOUR NAME.

ALTHOUGH I WILL NEVER COMMUNICATE WITH YOU IN ANY WAY, YOU HAVE MY HEARTFELT THANKS BEFOREHAND.

THANK YOU, FELLOW AMERICANS.

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Sept. 17, 1967

Dear Mr. Weisberg,

I received your look and your letter. Thank you. In your letter you asked for a clipping of Rankin's statement in which he stated that it would be enough if the Commission could prove that only two shots were fired. You said that he made that statement in the New York Times, about Christmas, 1964. Looking at and through my organized and chronologically listed clippings and documents, I was unable to locate that one. I went to the New York Times Building here in New York and spent about 4 hours reviewing, on micro-film, all of their newspapers from November 1, 1964 to March 1, 1965. My meticulous and complete study of every page from the above mentioned dates failed to find the article you seek. It is simply not there. My collection of clippings, in which every pertinent article ever to appear in the N.Y. Times, and some other newspapers, including England & New Orleans, is quite complete and exhaustive, from the day of the assassination, to the present time. I, therefore, cannot ~~understand~~ understand where that article might be. I will check further other newspapers files in the N.Y. area and I will let you know if and when I locate it. I am taking your advice and am not going to New Orleans to see Mr. Garrison until he gets in touch with me, if and when. But I am going to immediately follow through on the distribution of circulars personally in the New York area in a widespread campaign. Enclosed you will find a copy of this circular. Also enclosed you will find a partial listing of my tape recordings, although I have others. Since I have only one tape recorder it is impossible for me to make copies of them for you, at this time. What I would suggest is that you visit me at my home where you can make copies yourself and avail yourself of all of my material here,

in addition to the tape recordings, I have the afore-
mentioned clippings, transcripts of important
data, discussions, interviews, etc. and I am
sure some of these would be very helpful
to you in your exhaustive and probing
task, as it has been to mine. My wife and
I would be both happy and honored to have
you visit our home. If it is too difficult for
you to come personally, perhaps you could get
in touch with Mark Lane, who lives in the
N.J. area, and have him get in touch with
me either personally or by letter, setting
up a meeting place between he and I.
If you can come over, or if he does, bring a
tape recorder as I would like to keep
possession of all my original tapes and
other important data & information.
I will be waiting to hear from you or
Mr. Lane. Please write me regarding this matter.

Ed. G. Smith
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PARTIAL LISTING OF TAPE RECORDINGS

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NOV. 22, 1963 - FROM CBS-TV - WALTER CRONKITE AND OTHERS IN NEW YORK AND DALLAS, TEXAS REPORT BULLETINS AND FIRST NEWS OF ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY OUT OF DALLAS. VERY IMPORTANT TAPE - (2 HOURS)

NOV. 1966 - FROM CHANNEL 5 - WNEW-TV - SPECIAL - "THE WARREN COMMISSION PRO & CON" - MARK LANE, EDWARD JAYERSTEIN, WESLEY J. LIEBLER, RICHARD ROVERE, BERT W. GRIFFITH (COMMISSION COUNCIL) - PLUS MODERATOR - (2 HOURS)

NOV 12, 1966 - CHANNEL 5 - WNEW-TV - SPECIAL - "JFK ASSASSINATION - A MINORITY REPORT" - HAROLD WEISBERG, MARK LANE, LEO SAVAGE, PENN JONES, JACOB COHEN - JIM BISHOP IS MODERATOR (3 HOURS)

NOV. 26, 1966 - ALAN BURKE SHOW - WNEW-TV - CHANNEL 5 - MARK LANE IS GUEST - (2 HOURS)

DEC. 1966 - ALAN BURKE SHOW - WNEW-TV - CHANNEL 5 - MARGERITE OSWALD IS GUEST - (2 HOURS)

FEB. 12, 1967 - WNEW-TV - CHANNEL 5 - "JFK ASSASSINATION - A MAJORITY REBUTTAL" - DEBATE. GUESTS ARE LOUIS NIZER, MARK LANE, ALBERT E. JENNER (ASSISTANT COMMISSION COUNCIL), ALFREDDA SCOBAY (COMMISSION STAFFER). MODERATOR IS DAVID SCHOENBRUN. (2 HOURS)

FEB 12, 1967 - WNBC-TV - CHANNEL 4 - "MEET THE PRESS" PROGRAM. WILLIAM MANCHESTER IS GUEST. INTERVIEWED IN WASHINGTON. PANELISTS ARE ALISTAIR COOKE (THE ENGLISH GUARDIAN), CHARLES ROBERTS (NEWSWEEK), ROBERT MACNEIL (NBC) AND PRODUCER LAWRENCE SPIVAK. MODERATOR IS EDWIN NEWMAN. (1 HOUR)

FEB 19, 1967 - FIRST NEWS ^{OUT} OF NEW ORLEANS IS BROADCAST FROM RADIO ABOUT PLOT. AND I TAPED ALL SUBSEQUENT NEWS FROM RADIO + TV CONCERNING JIM GARRISON'S INVESTIGATION ON THIS DATE + ALL FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON FOLLOWING DATES, ALL I COULD GET, IN EVERY ASPECT UP TO PRESENT DAY. EXTENSIVE AND ALL-ENCOMPASSING (MANY HOURS)

- MARCH 14, 1967 - NBC-TV NEWS SPECIAL REPORT - ON THE MAJOR EVENTS OF IMPORTANCE DEALING WITH ASSASSINATION, FROM DAY OF ASSASSINATION TO 3/14/67 (1 HOUR) (ALL DETAILS)
- MARCH 27, 1967 - FROM BARRY GRAY RADIO SHOW - CHARLES ROBERTS, AUTHOR OF "THE TRUTH ABOUT THE ASSASSINATION," AND EMILE De ANTONIO, DIRECTOR AND CO-PRODUCER OF MOVIE "RUSH TO JUDGMENT" DEBATE ISSUES
- JAN 4, 1967 - NBC RADIO - AL WEEKS REPORTER - SOVIET PRESS COMMENTS ON JACK RUBY'S DEATH - (15 MINUTES)
- APRIL 15, 1967 - WNBC RADIO - LONG JOHN NEBEL INTERVIEWS CHARLES ROBERTS - (1 HOUR)
- MAY 28, 1967 - TRANSCRIPT, MAILED TO ME FROM WASHINGTON, D.C. OF "ISSUES AND ANSWERS" PROGRAM OF THIS DATE. JIM GARRISON IS INTERVIEWED BY BOB CLARK (ABC CAPITOL HILL CORRESPONDENT), AND BY TOM JARRIET (ABC ATLANTA CORRESPONDENT) - (2 HOUR)
- JUNE 19, 1967 - NBC TV - "THE JFK CONSPIRACY - THE CASE OF JIM GARRISON" (CRITIQUE ON HIS "METHODS") (1 HOUR NEWS SPECIAL REPORT)
- JUNE 25, 26, 27, 28, 1967 - "CBS TV - INVESTIGATES THE WARREN REPORT" IN 4 - ONE HOUR PROGRAMS (4 HOURS)
- JUNE 26, 1967 - WILLIAM GURVICH, GARRISON'S INVESTIGATOR QUILTS STAFF. C.B.S. TV NEWS. (GURVICH TELLS HIS "REASONS".)
- JUNE 26, 1967 - WMCA-RADIO - BARRY GRAY HOSTS MARK LANE, EMILE De ANTONIO, STANLEY RIBANT (TRIAL LAWYER) AND ATTORNEY JOSEPH LOWENTHAL (2 HOURS)
- JULY 15, 1967 - NBC TV NEWS SPECIAL - D.A. JIM GARRISON REPLIES TO HIS CRITICS IN GENERAL AND TO THE NBC TV SPECIAL OF 6/19/67 IN PARTICULAR, AND DISCUSSES PLOT. (1/2 HOUR.)