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Mr. Elmer Gertz
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Dear Mr. Gertz,

Your letter arrived as I was leaving this morning and I mailed a copy of the book to you from Washington rather than waiting until I had a chance to write. Several weeks ago I sent one to Mr. Burleson, with a letter calling to his attention part I thought might be of interest to the defense. In this connection, there are a number of others also doing research in this field and it is possible there might be information you might want that these others, from their combing of the evidence, might have available. There is also an index by Mrs. Sylvie Weagher, published by Seacrow Press, covering the 23 volumes and the Report.

If there is any way in which I can help you, please let me know, for while there is no doubt in my mind that Ruby is history's most public murderer, there is likewise no doubt that he got something less than justice. What I called to Mr. Burleson's attention was the charge of perjury against Sgt. Dean by Counsel Bert Griffin. And in this connection, I am confident that immediately after the murder Dean was interviewed on NBC TV and said things not consistent with his testimony. This will not be in Whitewash because there is nothing in it not from the record.

I presume you also know there is an FBI file on Ruby, as of the time the FBI reported to the Commission, about three weeks after the assassination. This is in the permanent archive, but it is classified and there is no access to it. I have a bibliography of this archive and I have already found things wrong. Getting my book off and running has interfered with this research. I haven't even had a chance to go through the bibliography. It is available to accredited researchers, of whom I am one, for \$37.00. It is 185 typed pages and the listings are largely meaningless, but at least it is some kind of an inventory of the Commission's files.

I did not bill Mr. Burleson and I do not bill you, for I do not know what the financial condition of the defense is, and the man is entitled to anything that might even remotely be of value. However, I do know what our situation is: we are broke and in debt, having had no income in several years. We are further in debt for all of the printing, none of which has been paid for, and even for the postage. Therefore if it is no hardship to pay, we'd appreciate it. The books are \$4.95.

Should the necessities of the book and the attempts at developing interest in some new writing with new material on the President's autopsy (almost as shocking as the worst now in the book) permit, I expect to be doing more work in that archive this week. I do not expect to find anything that would interest the Ruby defense, for as you will see from the book, my chief purpose was to show that the police made what he did possible - almost invited it. Nonetheless, it is possible that there may be information I have that might interest you. After you have read the book, you may have a better idea. I'd like to buy yours but cannot. Good luck. Sincerely,
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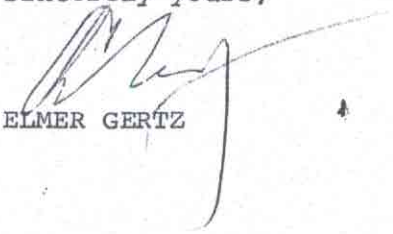
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I understand that you have written a book dealing with the Kennedy assassination, entitled Whitewash. As I am one of the attorneys for Jack Ruby, all of the literature about the assassination is of greatest interest and importance to me. I hope that you will be good enough to tell me how I may obtain a copy.

I am sending herewith a brochure about a book of my own that may interest you.

Sincerely yours,



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