

Dear Don,

1/22/98

To the best of my knowledge, in all that I've written, and what has been published is far from all, I've never referred to "Wall Street" except to ridicule the Posner claim to have been a Wall Street lawyer.

You are welcome to ~~quote~~^{quote} anything I've done and to give it your own interpretation but I do not believe the assassination can be attributed to what was meant ~~by~~ references to "Wall Street." In my own thinking, long ago I added to the phrase written for Eisenhower, the military-industrial complex, to think in terms of the military-industrial-intelligence complex.

Of course "industrial" does in a sense suggest some of Wall Street, but not in the J.F.Morgan sense.

I'm not in a position to add more to this now. "il has had three major and one minor surgery since mid-October and is scheduled for another Monday. Two were on a hip, one on a vein, and once to removed blood from her brain. The coming operations is for stenosis, in the spine. Without it she'll spend the rest of her life in pain. She had fallen and cracked a hip bone, then fell while being treated and broke it. The blood on the brain was discovered by accident and it has been removed, but the strain shows.

Best to you both,

Harold

Harold Weisberg

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Dear Harold,

I am finishing the work on the media's handling of the assassination, the creation of the Warren Commission, the activities of Dulles and McCloy, etc. Nine chapters are pretty much ready to go. I have two chapters still to write. One of those will include a discussion of the ultimate power behind the assassination and what people have said about that. I know you have recently given great emphasis to the military or the military-intelligence network. What I would like to be able to do in my chapter is to say that you have remained open to the possibility that the ultimate power is a Wall Street-intelligence network.

I would then be mentioning some of your work which is consistent with that. For example, I will mention your emphasis on the role of the media (pp. 415, 466-67 in Never Again!), the statement about McCloy (p. 626 in Post Mortem), and your discussions of the CIA, CRC, and INCA in Oswald In New Orleans. Importantly, I would quote the following from Never Again!:


The assassination of John Kennedy did turn this country around. It did turn the world around at the same time. From crime in the streets to the vast self-destructiveness of drugs; to the economy and the national debt and the loss, really the exportation of so many hundreds of thousands of our best jobs probably forever; and with this the simply enormous losses and increased costs and indebtedness from the loss of those industries and the loss of the profits from them, do we not see great change in our country in the wake of the assassination of President Kennedy?

What I would like to say is that these things represent your view that the assassination may have been a result of a conflict between Kennedy and the Wall St.-intelligence crowd over the general direction of both foreign and domestic policy.

If you are comfortable with my doing that, would you initial or sign the copy of this letter and return it to me. If you do not want me to do this, please tell me that also. If you would want me to represent your views in still some other way, please tell me that.

I am glad we got down to see you in the Fall and I hope we will come again when the Winter weather ends. I hope you and Lil are making out alright. Take care. Give my best to Lil.

Sincerely,


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