

Dear Mr. Ginocchio,

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Last address I have for Howard Hoffman is 1735 Pacific Ave., # 4, San Francisco 94109, 415/776-6805. He is assistant general counsel of Lucas Films and seems to be keeping very busy. I'm sure if you get hold of him and hang onto him long enough to get an answer he'll agree for you to copy his book. He is really a very good person.

If I am not able to reprint Whitewash in time you are welcome to make copies for your class.

I think I'd like very much to have contact with a collegiate audience again - if I can. I used to enjoy it much, especially the seminars I usually offered, most of all when the faculty selected the brightest kids. When the time gets closer I'll have to ask the doctors. Travelling tires me, but that is no real problem. Only I've not been in a plane since the emergency surgeries and I'm not supposed to get bumped, bruised or cut because I live on a high level of anticoagulant. I can't stand still at all and after I sit for 20-30 minutes with the legs up I'm supposed to walk around a bit. And in cold weather I'm to take care not to stay in the cold more than about 10 minutes. I go out every day in winter here, but my car is warm before I get in it and I have gallons of hot water to keep the feet from getting chilled. I've driven with others in cold weather, but only after their cars were well warmed. I'm giving myself a tryout this coming Tuesday when I take a three-hour trip to see my mother. If it doesn't rain I'll be able to get out and walk a bit and that will, I think, ease it. I don't drive my own car more than 20 minutes at a time.

Jerry McKnight, History, local Hood College, has an assassination class the kids love. I usually have a seminar at its end and the silent girls usually open up then. Last time ran almost five hours! So, if weather is a problem, how about at the end if you'll start second semester? The students will know more then and can perhaps get more out of it then.

I'm just thinking out loud. Your letter came just as I ended the draft of a long affidavit in a JFK FOIA case, for the records of the Dallas and New Orleans field offices and I want to answer before I get caught up in other things.

I know I'd not be able to do as I used to, sometimes going and coming the same day. At home I usually spend three hours daily at a local mall where I can walk a few minutes then sit and rest with legs elevated, then walk again, etc. That helps the circulation much and I can do more the rest of the day because of it. Right now it seems like I'd have to go one day, rest and then have the program and then

return the next day. Of course, much would depend on plane schedules. I'd have to use cabs to and from the airports here because it is too far to ask a friend to do

the driving for me. In all it would come to 200 miles, four possible stops.

I know it would be easier if there is a direct flight from Washington or Baltimore and return.

I've seen Wrono and Roffman before audiences and they are great, really.

It does not surprise me that your faculty is interested in your coming class. Wrono had quite a few in his first, before they had to cut the size down.

From McKnight's experience, you may not want more than 20-25. He prefers fewer, which is possible in a small private largely girl's school.

I suggest that you not let anyone get the idea that you will have a conspiracy free-for-all. That seems to be a not uncommon assumption. Some courses seem to tend that way. I think it is much more valuable the way Wrono and McKnight do it. In the end the students learn about the assassination and what has lasting value, how government really works in time of crisis and thereafter.

If something comes of all of this and I have to take a day for each step, you may want to keep in mind the work I've done on the King assassination.

Good luck and best wishes,

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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

June 8, 1983

Thank you for your prompt response to my request for information concerning the availability of Whitewash and Post Mortem for the special course I proposed to teach this coming January on the Kennedy assassination. My course proposal was finally approved this past week. I fully expect to attract at least 20-25 students, so I will be getting in touch with you sometime in November about ordering the books. If, at that time, Whitewash is not available I would like permission to xerox it. Also, as you noted in your letter, Roffman's book is out of print. I would be very grateful if you could ask him if I could have his permission to xerox his book. I had planned to use his book as the basic format for the course.

It seems that my proposal has stirred up enough interest among other members of the faculty that a couple of them have suggested to me the possibility of inviting you or Roffman, or perhaps even Wrone down here sometime during the month of January. The college seems to have ample funds for this purpose. I hope you will consider the possibility of giving a talk, provided you are in good health. Would you also suggest this possibility to Mr. Roffman? I plan to write to Wrone sometime soon and I will bring this up with him.

Again, many thanks for everything.

Best Wishes,

Gerald Girocchio