Route 12 - Old Receiver Road
Frederick, Md. 21701

January 25, 1979

Judge Robert I. H. Hammerman
Supreme Bench of Baltimore City
Court House
Baltimore, Md. 21202

Dear Judge Hammerman:

When my lecture bureau books me, the charge is $750.00 plus actual expenses.

Because I do not idly weave attractive conspiracy theories, they do better with the irresponsible who achieve most public attention and almost all appearances. In this case, there being no bureau interest, the honorarium would be 25% less.

Because I would not want you or your congregation to be disappointed, I explain that I do not approach this serious subject as a whodunit. I believe the actual evidence, mostly previously suppressed, provides more than enough of the detective-story aspect. I show slides of some and generally, after a caution to the more squeamish, an actual amateur movie of the assassination.

What I say comes from as extensive an investigation as I know of, including perhaps a quarter of a million pages of FBI, CIA, Secret Service and similar records. I obtained most of these under the Freedom of Information Act, as to a degree the enclosed clipping reflects.

In one of these cases the Department of Justice told that Court that I know more about the JFK assassination and its investigation than anyone in the FBI. In another case seeking King assassination records it said substantially the same thing in asking that judge to have me serve as its consultant in my suit against it and the FBI.

Frankly, it has always caused regret that local universities have had no interest in serious consideration of what I regard as the most subversive of crimes - so little that when my records were available free there was no archival interest. (They are being deposited in Wisconsin, which is willing for other institutions to have copies.)

It is my belief that this is an unprecedented private archive, historically and educationally. As I judge I believe you can understand the value of free access to such records in the study of law, history, political science and government, and my disappointment over the lack of Maryland interest.

The smallest audience I have ever had was this past November, at Loyola, on the King assassination. It was, however, an excellent audience. By way of contract, I went to Baltimore from a smaller Massachusetts college where I had to call a halt after more than three hours. The hall was full, despite a severe storm that virtually crippled transportation.

Earlier there had been a small seminar and appolitical science class I was asked to take over.

Because of a strong belief that representative society can function only when the people are accurately informed and from an avuncular interest in directing young people away from attractive deceptions and toward responsible consideration of the serious aspects of the many ramifications of what political assassinations mean, I

make no extra charge for the time with smaller groups, whether of students or faculty.

There may be no such body affiliated with the congregation but if I eanin Baltimore I would be available for any such purpose.

Because I am without independent means and do my work without subsidy or even regular income, I welcome appearances. However, because I would like to be able to see more serious attention to what I regard as one of the more important events of our lifetime, I would be ever happier to speak to your congregation.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

January 24, 1979

Mr. Harold Weisberg
Frederick, Maryland

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

      I am president of the Brotherhood of Har Sinai Congregation, a Reform Congregation in Baltimore. We are interested in the possibility of having you speak at a meeting one evening on the topic of the Kennedy assassination. If you are able to do so, I would appreciate your advising me of this and also what your honorarium might be. I look forward to your response.

                        Sincerely yours,

                        Robert I. H. Hammerman

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