

Dear Richard- I've heard people in New Orleans speak the name as "Ferry." The typed version was from a tape in which the name may not have been too clear, by a typist. There is no doubt that Ferris was intended. I doubt Marina would have known of either pronunciation. If she had been willing to be helpful, as initially she seems not to have been but later was, she'd not have failed to make the connection. This part of her interrogation was by the Secret Service only. She then would not see the FBI.

Without personal knowledge I agree with Dr. Bobb and believe that long before death the cancer in the head had made serious changes in Ruby, who wasn't much to begin with. I think his known behavior as well as my knowledge of the unknown mean this, too.

I did not print Oswald in New Orleans. The few copies I've been able to obtain are \$21.00 by insured mail. If there is one in a nearby library it may be less costly to xerox it.

You are young and the trusting young are often imposed upon for various reasons not immediately apparent. You have mentioned some names that do not favorably impress me, some I know are those of self-seekers regardless of their public image, one who has not been unwelcome to the Department of Justice and one outright fraud, McDonald. It may be difficult for you to discriminate and you lack such basis, but do try not to be deceived by the glib. You write as one mature for your years but this is all pretty Byzantine, with the field crawling with idiots and nuts who achieve acceptability by those with reason to have doubts simply because of the attention they get. If I've made typos, please accept the explanation on the other side. As you read your way through I encourage you to finish my work first. You'll then see for yourself that much of the rest is unoriginal. I'm glad you read Meagher early. Great work. Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

I am a freshman in high school and a member of the St. Louis Area Chapter of the Citizens Commission of Inquiry (headed by a college student at SIU who owns a Groden copy of the Zapruder film). I have recently purchased from you: Whitewash: the report on the Warren Report, Whitewash II: the FBI-Secret Service coverup, Photographic Whitewash: suppressed Kennedy Assassination pictures, Whitewash IV: JFK Assassination Transcript, and Post Mortem. I have thoroughly enjoyed them and agree with them in every respect.

Thus far I have only read your first two books on the assassination, along with: The Assassination Tapes by George O'Toole, Inquest by Edward Jay Epstein, Accessories After The Fact by Sylvia Meagher (Meagher's "Index" to the Warren Report has also been of great help to me during the eighty hours I have spent amateurishly analyzing the twenty seven volumes of the Warren Report), Rush To Judgement by Mark Lane, A Heritage Of Stone by Jim Garrison, They've Killed The President by Robert Sam Anson, and Appointment In Dallas by Hugh McDonald. The nephew of Josiah Thompson (the nephew being a good friend of mine) has lent me the first copy to come off the press of Six Seconds In Dallas. Although I do not personally know him, I frequently converse with Richard H. Popkin (author of The Second Oswald) and attend his lectures.

I am deeply interested in the anti-Castro Cuban connection with the assassination and this is my main topic of inquiry. I realize your tremendous assistance to District Attorney Garrison during his investigation. Besides reading his book, I have attended his lecture. I would like to know where I might obtain a copy of your "out of print" book; Oswald in New Orleans: A case for conspiracy with the CIA. Also, while reading page 19 of Whitewash II: the FBI-Secret Service coverup on line 12, I came across the name "Mr. Farry". An FBI agent asked Marina Oswald if she had heard of this man presumably from New Orleans. I wonder if you have considered this

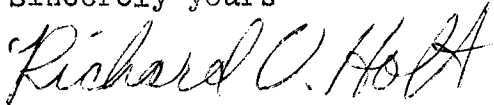
to be David Ferrie. If Marina had ever heard the name she would probably recognize it only through pronunciation. Therefore, the FBI agents interrogating her could purposely misspell the name so that no connection could be inferred by critics that "Mr. Farry" is actually David Ferrie.

I would also like to mention something regarding Jack Ruby's death. People very frequently ask if it is possible that Rubenstein (Ruby) was killed and the diagnosis of cancer was fraudulent. I am certain this is not so because the doctor who made the diagnosis of cancer and who treated Ruby is a surgeon named Watts Webb, a close friend of my father who attended residency (similar to apprenticeship) with my father.

Please answer my questions concerning your book which is out of print and regarding "Mr. Farry".

Thank you.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard O. Holt". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Richard O. Holt