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Dear Mr. Hymans,

Answering well-intended letters like yours has become an enormous drain on my time so I hope you will be content with this one response.

Most of your questions deal with the unreal, with the imagined of those either sick in mind or bound and determined to commercialize the genuine concerns of so many troubled people. There thus is no way of answering them.

The one way I can respond is through my books. It is for this, to inform others, that writers write their books and do all that is required of responsible writers so they can write. Therefore, I enclose a list of them.

That you appear to believe that I wrote Heritage of Stone while saying you have and have read Whitewash is amusing to me in ways you can't understand!

You refer to a single article by Richard Raznikov and for all the world as though it were fit for decent people to consider. If you refer to that shameful rot that appeared in Pacific Sun, you infect yourself to credit it.

I don't have time to explain to you why and how this is. Most people are happier believing that the toilet is really the kitchen and about that there is nothing I can do.

Believe me or not, that was among the sicker of the really sick stuff that is proliferating and abusing people like you.

Another example is your question, "any possibility of the Archives being opened?" They have never been closed. There is no executive order suppressing the files, either. I have spent hundred of hours there, have so many thousands of pages from the Commission's files there are several thousand I have never read.

But these who are at best nuts would have you believe that there was an order directing suppression. etc. It just is not true and never was.

I am sure you have 1000 more questions, as you say. Please do not ask them because to the degree I can answer those that are in contact with reality, I will do it in books and I can't take the time from preparing these books to make individual response.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Weisburg,

Through the aid of one, Richard Raznikov, an author of recent renown locally for a very fine article on the J.F.K. Assassination, I came to get your mailing address.

I know you must be a tremendously busy man and a small tooth in the machinery of America as I am is really very much an optimist to hope to receive a reply to this letter but, who would have ever dreamed that Nixon could be president after running for the Governorship of California?

I read your exceptionally well written book Heritage of Stone and I have respected you since the first I heard of your efforts to bring out the truth and get matters open on the assassination.

I have read the following books on the subject in addition to the above work of yours: Who Killed Kennedy, The Second Oswald, Rush to Judgement, Whitewash, Death of a President, and a few that I cannot remember titles to. (also Legacy of Doubt)

There are a few questions that I am extremely puzzled over and I hope you will try to enlighten me.

- a) I have heard mention about a man with an umbrella at the scene of the murder but haven't seen anything in writing about the man.
- b) There are conflicting reports about the "Extra" bullets; one in the grass, one in the Stemmons Freeway Sign, one ricochet, and possible others.
- c) I have never seen in any publication a full sequence from the Zapruder film; is there one in print, or was there.
- d) Was the Chippaquiddick incident really some sort of attempt on Edward Kennedy which caused his silence for so long while he fled or is that just my imagination going plot crazy?
- e) If "Oswald" was seen practicing with his rifle at firing ranges prior to the shooting, were any shell casings recovered at these ranges which were from the 6.5 (Carcano)?
- f) With Watergate having shocked the nation to a pseudo-awakening, do you see any possibility of the archives being opened? and if so, how can I help?

I have 1000 more questions but you don't have time. Any further reading materials that you can recommend in addition to enlightenment to letters a-f will be very much appreciated. Thank you in advance for your great insights and efforts which have and will continue to enlighten me.

SINCERELY,

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