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Dear Miss Hitch,

Thank you for your thoughtful letter. My continuing work denies me the opportunity for lengthy reply. I have just finished the rough draft of my fifth book on this subject.

Had you read more than a single one of the book, I think you'd know how close your reasoning takes you, yet how far from right because of a few basic errors. To cite two: Oswald was not pro-Communist but violently anti-Communist. He was not pro-Castro but was connected, as my New Orleans book will show, with the anti-Castro forces. He did not try and "infiltrate" them; he worked with them.

Enclosed is a flyer listing our books to date. You will see the attention the New York Times gave PHOTOGRAPHIC WHITEWASH, which goes very much to the intent of the government in the investigation.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

Dear Mr. Weinberg,

I have read one of your books. Like yours and many others, I feel there is something wrong with the Warren Report. Each book, magazine, article, or newspaper item I read tends to strengthen this feeling.

I am not exactly a critic. I do not believe they actually tried to deceive. I do believe they tread very lightly in any direction which would seem contrary to the theory they were evolving. Absolute proof of these things would be hard to find. What they hoped to gain by playing down these possibilities has only enlarged the situation by leaving the field open for all kinds of speculation.

If someone does come up with absolute proof there was another assassin; then unless they can prove who he is, perhaps not even then, can they prove who he belongs to.

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In the introduction to your book you say, "Assassination is a political <sup>crime</sup> plot."

It is my belief the assassination was the result of a political scheme which got out of hand. It was not intended to do anything but disgrace the President, and enhance the brilliance of the group, or individual, putting the scheme across.

If men of government did some serious evidence pointing in that direction, naturally they would not want to tackle that problem.

Perhaps as they say it threatens the security of our nation. Such a thing would have worldwide political repercussions. What would happen to our boast of free elections? What would happen if the confidence of other governments of the world was shaken by such news.

I believe there is one man in this country if he were so minded, could have coordinated many groups hostile to President Kennedy. I believe he could get cooperation, not to kill the President, but in giving or withholding information, which he could

use in a manner to promote a political scheme. Some could have been hostile to Oswald only. Some only wanted to see the Kennedy out of office. The anti Castro forces were bitter at the President, angry at Oswald for trying to infiltrate their group, and certainly would work hard for a group, or individual promising to help them overthrow Castro.

Mrs. Edio's testimony, if accurate, is odd. It stands to reason if the anti Castro workers had any suspicion, even the slightest, that Oswald was pro Castro, they certainly would not want him in their underground. To false Oswald or a real Oswald could not fit into that statement unless it was part of some strategy. The argument and the resulting suspicion had already happened. I am sure every member of the underground had been notified.

I believe Mrs. Edio may have been intended to be the springboard for the breaking of the story. If so it was definitely very cruel. I suppose if she was to be notified later to be on the look out for this communist fellow the poor woman

would have been <sup>4</sup> hysterical thinking she could have said something to cause reprisals against her parents.

The plan must have been centered about Oswald either returning to Russia or going to Cuba. Perhaps the rumors of stolen guns were to play some part.

When Oswald did neither the plan must have failed. Perhaps the hot heads who had been aroused went ahead on their own. A cool headed politician certainly would have sense enough to know an assassination would only tend to make a martyr of the victim.

This sort of thing of course is hard to prove. It does seem to me in the light of some of the present day happenings the same plan is in action, with only a little revising.

This to me is the danger to the American public.

If there is a killer, or killers loose then every means available should be used to find them and bring them to justice that is true; but there have always been killers.

Unless the world suddenly becomes converted, which seems out of the question, there will always be killers.

To me those who try desperate measures, which can injure or kill, just to advance their own political advantage, are abominable.

Oswald's writings lead me to believe he was trying to play a political game alone. Evidently he did not have the knowledge, the ability, or enough drive, to do the monotonous, everyday grind to put himself in the position to put his ideas across. His thinking had been influenced by reading Communist literature. It looks like he was trying to copy their methods of pretending to be friendly with one group, then quickly switching to another, to arouse suspicion and start arguments.

I believe when he had the argument with the anti Castro forces, the publicity brought him to the attention of the big boys, who were just waiting for the kind of opportunity he gave them.

If you have the time the money, time

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ability, and a bullet proof hide, and want  
to go ahead on this line of reasoning go  
ahead. Good luck to you.

Say hello to Conrad Maximillian, I  
<sup>all the time</sup> would love them. Don't let anyone call them  
silly asses. They are very clever. They sure  
have a conspiracy to keep you from putting  
them in the roasting oven.

My parakeet is also a conspirator. He  
must be working for my opposition. He just  
ate your address right out of the book. Lucky  
it is also in the chapter about you.

Seriously I believe critics of the  
Warren report have as much right to publish  
a book as anyone in favor of it. all  
must be painful to the Kennedys but if  
the truth can be reached it can be done  
only by those who search diligently for it

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they all—from housewives to artists, clerks to legislators—  
will understand the deep sense of appreciation he feels for  
their efforts even more, for their willingness.

If this succeeds in its purpose, much of the credit  
should be

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