

Dear Brian Hayes,

7/26/82

Thank you for your letter of the 21st. Here are the books and answers to your questions, I regret in haste.

There is not sufficient evidence to state that any particular group was responsible for the assassination, directly or indirectly.

I do not think that the answers to the mysteries exist in any information that is available, regardless of source. Certainly not in the disclosed official records, all of which I have and have read. In this regard it is important to understand that there has never been any official investigation of the crime itself. Everybody assumed Oswald's guilt and all efforts were made to have that preconception appear to be credible.

I not only do not believe that any network, including PBS, would ever run a series of investigative reports, but I can tell that all my efforts were rebuffed by them. When in recent years I've tried to interest some through friends on the inside, the best response has been, "Oh, no! Not that again!"

When I ~~proposed~~ ^{proposed} this for the first time, to CBS in late 1965 or early 1966, based on Whitewash in the xerox edition, that was converted into the four-part attempt to validate the Warren report, which Cronkite, not Rather, anchored.

With regard to PBS, Jim Lehrer was a Dallas reporter at the time of the crime and the Commission, and his best effort was directed at pretending there was no truth to the missed shot and putting down Jim Tague, who was wounded by it. In early May, 1966, when I took a copy of Whitewash to NBC, Max Robinson, then at the station where NBC News had its space, said he was interested and I never heard further. Paul Duke then was in the NBC newsroom and I gave him a copy of the book for them. He said that at least Monitor, a weekend radio net show, would be interested. I never heard from Monitor or Duke.

With regard to the 26 volumes, I've not heard of a set being available for years. Every once in a while I used to hear of someone getting a good buy where their value wasn't appreciated, but other than that, I've not heard of a set bringing less than \$1,000. If anyone might know if and where one is available, it will be Penn Jones, who can be reached with the address Midlothian, Texas. He publishes a newsletter that's like his books and public appearances, is often far out. He is well-intended but wild and paranoid.

Best wishes,

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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Thank you for the copy of Whitewash which I found intriguing to say the least. I am now reading Oswald in New Orleans. In its Introduction you write of a Whitewash III: The Archive, but I don't see it listed on your book order. Is this book available or has it another title? I would be interested in obtaining a copy if you have it.

Regarding other matters. I have enclosed a check for \$17.40, covering the cost of Whitewash II, Photographic Whitewash and insurance costs for both. I hope I have estimated the cost correctly. If not, let me know and I will send the difference.

I again thank you for your kind consideration in dealing with my new and inexperienced interest in the Kennedy assassination. Your book was, I think, remarkable in that you used only official evidence. I appreciate your feelings regarding the difference between casual speculation and scholastic observation with integrity. I was a journalism student at Northwestern University and found myself reading your book from the standpoint of an investigative reporter. It's tragic that the Warren Commission did not have yours and others' respect for truth.

At this stage, I am unsure where my reading is taking me. I only wish to absorb as much as I can about the assassination and formulate my own thoughts regarding it. There is a great deal to know and a great deal that is unknown. There are some general questions I feel compelled to ask you and know that you will respond to honestly:

1. Do you feel there is sufficient evidence to state that a particular group of people was directly responsible for the assassination of Kennedy?
2. Do you think the answers to the mystery of the assassination are available or that it will never be possible to know the truth?
3. Do you think PBS or any major TV network would ever run a series of investigative reports on the assassination and the Warren Report?

4. What are you doing now concerning the assassination and/or other related fields of inquiry?

If these questions reflect my naivete regarding this subject, you have my apologies. It's just that I feel the assassination is a fascinating, tragic moment in history and that the truth concerning it is a vital one. I was in high school when President Kennedy was killed, and I remember my quick acceptance of the Dallas Police-Warren Commission lone assassin theory. I still remember a four part CBS TV report (anchored by Dan Rather I believe) which concurred with the Commission's findings. At the time, it seemed faultless to me. I went on believing this way until I saw the Zapruder film on a local TV show in Los Angeles with Mort Sahl as a co-host. The film woke me up. It was terrible. The studio audience gasped when the fatal bullet struck President Kennedy and drove him backward into his seat. It was a heart-stopping experience.

I find myself increasingly interested in obtaining a copy of the 26 volume set of evidence and testimony supplemental to the Warren Report. The US Government Printing Office no longer has them in print. Can you advise me as to how to get a set? Are they expensive as hell as I suspect they are?

Your continued advice is greatly appreciated, and I hope that my correspondence is not a hassle.

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