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Dear Mr. Heyn,

Your letter of the 19th gives me a problem I've thought of off and ~~on~~ on all day. What is best for you to start with?

I think if you are going to achieve a real understand of fact and evidence and restrict yourself to one book you limit yourself and can and may well engaged in theorizing that while it may be logical on the basis of what you know may be wrong.

There is no one of my books that does not have bits and pieces of which you should know if you are to have a solid basis. You have also to begin with the understanding that rather than an investigation there was a disinvestigation I've called a whitewash and a coverup. Therefore, the problem with the readily available evidence is apparent: it was neither collected nor published to solve the crime or to lead to this.

With the limitation of one book I had difficulty in deciding between the first and the last. The first is the basic book, covering the whole subject thoroughly. At first I was inclined to send it. But the more I thought the more I came to believe that aside from the importance of some of the documents in the appendix of Post Mortem, and for doctrine I recommend the executive session transcript of 1/22/76 as for evidence the unprecedented Burkley and related papers, it will give you the best overview of what was hidden and why it had to be. It deal with a much more sophisticated operation than any other book. You can't get its content from any other source.

I am not trying to push the other books. When they are out of print, as some are almost, I'll have a problem paying for reprinting. I think you should read them all, including one out of print that the library there should have, Oswald in New Orleans. There is much that is relevant in Whitewash II, least in Photographic Whitewash which, however, is important in understanding the entire operation. From the way you write I would think if for no other reason - and there are many - you would want Whitewash IV if only for the 90 pages of the formerly top secret transcript on what to do about the report that Oswald was an agent. Where the members went into other areas, as on the CIA, you ought to find it at least illuminating. The ~~book~~ book costs less than half as much as buying the transcript which can be bought now that I've shaken it loose. The accounts of my litigation in this and in PM, which is enclosed also should be quite helpful to your understanding. (It is \$10.75 plus Md. sales tax on the \$10.00, as the enclosed flyer shows.

I'm sorry about the typos but your letter, I'm glad to note, reflects your understanding of my problem and limitations. I've taken this time because your seriousness is apparent. However, if you are as serious as I think you are, you are going to want to read them all.

Sincerely,

January 19, 1976

Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Thanks for your letter of 1/12/76.

I understand what you are saying about having a heavy volume of work, and when I drop you a note, unless it is something that requires response, I'll understand if I don't hear back from you.

What I have sent you do date is about all I can come up with right now, but I am always thinking about where to look next. If and when I come up with more items, I'll send them up to you.

In the meanwhile, please send me one of your books, the one you think it would be best to start with. Send an invoice with it, and I promise to send you a check immediately.

Yours truly,



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