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Dear Mr. Hoffman,

Not quite 40 years before you did, when I also was nine, I also had an interest in our military history. I lived in the heart of Philadelphia, it then was safe for kids to go to the library a mile away alone, and the first book I remember getting on my own was The Swamp Fox. I presume you know that was Mad Anthony Wayne.

And on VN? I was on the earliest protests. The one by authors and editors, about a hundred of us, my name is one of seven on the list marked as of interest to the CIA. I have that copy.

I am not a ballistics expert but I've done more work on it, more actual work, than anyone writing, allegedly writing, about the assassination. I filed two FOIA lawsuits to get the FBI's records. They prevailed by mendacity on the first suit, it was cited by the Congress as requiring the amending of the act to make CIA, FBI and simi-

lar records accessible under the act, and the second was the first suit filed under the amended act. The FBI stonewalled and I got little from it but I did better with ERDA, then successor to the AEC. Those records are in our basement and it has not been safe for me to use stairs for several years so I cannot offer to get and copy them for you.

May I suggest that because so much as not done and so much was lied about you really need a solid background on the related assassination fact to piece the ballistics together? For example, the FBI never put the spectrographic analyses together for the Commission or so far as I can determine for themselves. As one illustration, the lab work on the curbstone reports only lead with a trace of antimony. That relates to the missed shot. But not only is that not what the analysis of that or any bullet like it should show, the curbstone was patched. You'll see some of that in Postmortem, with pictures. There is a scientific examination report in Case Open, which your book ~~store can get~~. I carry some of that forward in what the same published, Carroll & Raf did, after sitting on it for a couple of years, in NEVER AGAIN!, still current. I do suggest, and not because I am trying to sell a book, that you begin with Whitewash: The

Report on the Warren Report. I had it finished 2/65 and it is still the basic book.

If in reading my work you keep a record of what proves that Oswald did not or could not have fired a shot you may change your opinion. I have yet to get a call or a letter from any of those of whom I was critical complaining that I was unfair or inaccurate about him. And we did depose 4 lab agents in the lawsuit mentioned above.

Lifton knew his "theory" was impossible but he got rich from it. When you get Postmortem turn to the Sibert-O'Neill report he did not give his readers. I discovered it at the Archives and use it in facsimile in that book. Garry Mack is a fine and a dependable person. He is also a friend.... Please excuse my typing. It cannot be any better. Best wishes, Harold Weisberg

Harold Weisberg

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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

First I would like to say that I am sorry that I have just begun to read your books. Apparently there is much that I have missed over the years.

My name is George Hoffman and I have been a student of military and naval history for 40 of my 49 years. I have also done some limited research on the Kennedy assassination. I have been to school for gunsmithing for three years and am very interested in the ballistic aspects of the President's shooting.

Of the twenty-odd books I've read about JFK, your book, "Case Open" is the most recent. I would like to read and learn more. I understand that copies of your books can be obtained from you directly, therefore I am interested in obtaining the following titles: Photographic Whitewash

Whitewash IV

Post Mortem

If you would please advise me of the cost, I would be most grateful. I guess you and I might find ourselves at odds re: the JFK case, because I have always believed that Oswald did the shooting. Be that as it may, I'm always open to new ideas and am very interested to know your feelings and findings. Also, I like the way you write. You're a no-holds-barred kind of guy, and I love it!

Incidentally, I read a book called Best Evidence by David Lifton about 3 years ago & I think he's a nut! I'd be interested in knowing what you think. Also, I recently began writing to a gentleman named Gary Mack out in

Dallas and find him to be very knowledgeable. What do you think?

One thing I do agree with you about is the CIA. I served 4 years in the Marines and spent time in Vietnam. In fact I was probably on one of the first "teams" involved in the Phoenix Program, which was nothing more than CIA sponsored murder. I put nothing past those swine and I believe the organization is so compartmented that its possible for one part to not know what the other part is doing. Ten years when I came home I wouldn't talk to anyone because I feared for my life. I'd love to see what you've uncovered about those people.

Anyway please advise about the titles requested and keep in touch. I also sincerely hope you are feeling better physically.

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Best Wishes,

Luigi Hoffman

P.S.

Please excuse the hand written letter. I don't type and have always felt that writing by hand is more personal.

