Two weeks ago yesterday I was hospitalized for what was to have been a day and a half that lasted for two weeks. I was allowed home yesterday in time to read the mail of those two week. I begin to respond on my 83rd birthday. Responding to all of it will take some time. I'll not be able to respond to much of it as fully as in the past, as I hope some of you will be able to understand. It fills a box that held 100 file folders. Two weeks of book orders have also accumulated and filling and mailing them will also take time. As will additional medical appointments several of which follow today. And, perhaps from two weeks of no physical activity at all instead of the my limited physical activity that had been possible for me I am also a bit weaker.

The initial diagnosis at the hospital, based on fluid in my chest, was congestive heart failure. Not quite a full quart of fluid was taken from my chest. Analysis of it disclosed nothing. Several cultures also were made. It will be some time before the results of them will be available.

I was told I have some anemia and that my kidney function is less than it should be.

The fluid was not in my lungs and there was no blood in it.

If the doctors learned more than this I was not told. Several specialists were involved and at least one of them will continue to be in coming examinations. I do not suggest that the doctors learned more than they told me.

I was ambulatory all the time that I was hospitalized and to a degree I was able to continue work. I've about completed research for another manuscript that can be of book length. When I can get to it!

I hope this explains my delay in responding and in my responding at less length than in the past.

For which I am sorry but my first priority remains completing the work to the degree now possible for me.

Harold Weisberg 4/8/96

I regard part of what you say in your last paragraph of your 3/22 as im possible. However, I'll help you as much as I can. If your reading has been limited to the books supposedly on the subject you cannot avoid having been seruously misinfirmed. HW

March 22, 1996

Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I appreciate the open invitation to review your files, but I am not specifically interested in such a review at this time. I know that your research approach has been centered on how the various agencies of government performed, or failed to perform, concerning the assassination. My research has been directed at determining exactly how the conspirators could have accomplished the deed and how they could have caused the observed wounds and collateral damage. For five years I have read widely on these subjects and have come to conclusions that I am unable to objectively disprove.

As Dr. Wecht indicated in his correspondence, several months ago I met with him to share my research results and ask for his assistance in assessing the validity of my findings. Six months ago I provided sixteen single-spaced pages summarizing in detail my research process and findings, as well as an original video that explains and actually DUPLICATES the wounds and collateral damage in a manner that has never been published anywhere. Because I am certain that I have made significant new discoveries concerning how the crime was committed and who committed it, I requested confidentiality to protect my intellectual property rights until I am published, but not to impair any evaluation he might attempt.

In follow-up letters I have offered to answer any questions he might have. Dr. Wecht has acknowledged each letter, but has not responded to my offers. In lieu of specific requests or questions, I can only assume that performance of his official duties prevents him from evaluating my research. My request for a letter of introduction was made in an effort to accomplish the same things that I asked of Dr. Wecht. I am pursuing other means of being published, but I believe that the publishing industry and much of the research community long ago dismissed the idea that anyone could ever adequately answer the questions "How, specifically, were the wounds and collateral damage inflicted?"; "How, specifically, was Oswald framed?"; and "Who, specifically, could be identified from photographs as conspirators?" These are the questions that I believe I have answered. Given this background information, would you meet with me for merely 60-90 minutes?

Sincerely,

John H. Hedgecock