
Citation Accompanying Conferral of the Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters

Harold Weisberg

You have been a watchdog for the nation, alerting this generation and those of the future that we must pay attention to and demand accountability from those who would govern us. For more than 30 years you have devoted your life to uncovering the truth about the chain of events that followed that terrible tragedy in November 1963, the assassination of a President. You persisted, despite ill health and personal debt, in challenging the government, including an appeal to the Supreme Court. Together, you and your beloved wife, Lillian, have taught us the true meaning of dedication to a cause. Hood College salutes you for your courage in the face of adversity, and for your dedication to the ideals upon which this country was founded.

Harold Weisberg has donated a collection of more than 300,000 pages of government documents and his research papers relating to the John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King assassinations to Hood College. Mr. Weisberg has spent the last 30 years searching for the truth about the assassinations, publishing materials which he believes prove a government cover-up, and trying to alert future generations that under stress, government institutions often fail to do the job they were created to do.

Mr. Weisberg obtained the information in his collection from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Justice, the Warren Commission, the Central Intelligence Agency, the National Archives, and other government agencies, using the Freedom of Information Act to amass the documents. The government records fill at least 60 file cabinets. Included in the collection are hundreds of pages of verbatim transcripts

from the executive sessions of the Warren Commission.

Mr. Weisberg was born in Philadelphia and was educated in the public schools of Philadelphia and Wilmington. He attended the University of Delaware and worked for the *Wilmington Morning News* and the *Philadelphia Ledger*. He also worked as a senate committee investigator and served in the U.S. Army during WWII, first in the military police and later as an analyst for the Office of Strategic Services, a forerunner of the CIA.

He is the author of seven books: *Whitewash: The Report on the Warren Report*, (1965); *Whitewash II: The FBI/Secret Service Coverup* (1966); *Photographic Whitewash* (1967); *Oswald in New Orleans* (1967); *Whitewash IV* (1974); *Post Mortem* (1975); and *Frame-up* (1971), republished in 1993 under the title, *Martin Luther King: The Assassination*.

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