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Dear Mr. Ratliff,

This is in response to your undated, form-letter request for a review copy of POST MORTEM.

We have had to adopt a policy of no freebees. This is only in part because of the prejudice against any book not bearing the imprint of a commercial publisher. In part it is because with a review we cannot recover the cost of the freebee unless, what never happens, the reviewer tells the reader how to obtain the book. In your area this means by mail and from me, a method that consumes the income over cash cost by less than the value of the time required to fill the order. In part it also is because we simply can't afford it.

If you understood my publishing and non-publishing history what may not seem comprehensible would, I believe, become comprehensible.

If your associates have any interest in the Freedom of Information Act perhaps I can help them but it would have to be by phone. I can't take time to write. I suffered a heavy phlebitis just as I put Post Mortem on the press. The damage was serious and permanent. This means that I want to use what time I have to do my own work. I have three cases in court right now, one perhaps to be precedent. If you are familiar with the amending of the Act, one of my earlier four cases is the first cited in the debates as requiring the amending of the Act. I am 63. Personal attention means nothing to me. Being able to do my work, which now includes doing what I can to make this fine law viable, means much.

I'll also enclose a flyer on the previous book. I hope some of you law students may benefit from reading the unprecedented transcript ~~it~~ includes in facsimile and from the importance in it of my young friend and associate who was not before a jury when he handled that case (and others) pro bono.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

As you can see, I am my own office staff as well as my own shipping department!



HOUSTON LAW REVIEW

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As you may know, the Houston Law Review is a leading legal periodical which has a national circulation among libraries, attorneys, professors, and students of law.

An important section of each issue of the Review is devoted to books received which are of professional interest to our readership. Upon publication, two copies of the published review or annotation are sent to the publisher.

In this regard we would greatly appreciate a copy of

POST MORTEM: JFK ASSASSINATION COVER-UP SMASHED

By
Harold Weisberg

for listing and possible review.

Sincerely,

Mike Ratliff
Book Review Editor