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Harold Weisberg is a former investigative reporter, Senate investigator and decorated wartime intelligence analyst. He is the one person to devote himself full-time to personal and in-depth investigations of the political assassinations beginning with that of President Kennedy.

He is the one person the Department of Justice says knows more about the JFK assassination than anyone in the FBI. His investigations of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King led to the book Frame-Up and to a reopening of the case of James Earl Ray, whose investigator Mr. Weisberg became.

Mr. Weisberg has made more use of the Freedom of Information Act than anyone else. He was responsible for influencing Congress to amend and strengthen the Act in 1974 and enact these amendments over the veto of President Ford, who had been a member of the Warren Commission. He is also alone in having a mandate from a federal appeals court which held that his investigations serve the interests of "the nation" and that to serve these interests he must take first-person testimony from a series of FBI agents who had retired to avoid being questioned under oath by him.

As a Senate investigator Mr. Weisberg investigated detective agencies and labor-spying and strikebreaking outfits as well as "Bloody Harlan" County in Kentucky, where murders to prevent union organization were numerous. During this period he was used as an expert by the Department of Justice.

In his World War II investigative reporting, Mr. Weisberg also helped the Department of Justice and other government agencies. He became an expert on Nazi cartels and Japanese aggression. His work led to a number of official actions against corporations fronting for the Nazis. His writing also predicted the attack on Pearl Harbor. Recently, when he invoked the Freedom of Information Act with the CIA, it gave him records of his having provided President Franklin D. Roosevelt with evidence for one of his more famous fireside chats, on the planned Nazi coups in South America that were frustrated by exposure.

Before Pearl Harbor he had been an unpaid British economic warfare agent. As a wartime OSS intelligence analyst, Weisberg's work included special missions for the White House. His other assignments ranged from conducting investigations that freed intelligence men who had been jailed after police franking to writing the secret history of OSS, forerunner of the CIA, to preparing position papers on foreign policy.

Whitewash: The Report on the Warren Report, completed in mid-February 1965, was the first book on the subject. It remains in print and a basic work. After the original publisher - whose father was an intelligence agent - broke the publishing contract and after more than 100 rejections, often accompanied by hearty editorial praises, Mr. Weisberg invented the underground book and Whitewash became a best-seller. He has remained a publisher. He has published seven definitive and original books on political assassinations. He is used as an expert consultant by book, magazine and newspaper publishers.

Mr. Weisberg was the first to excavate the secrets buried in the National Archives. Beginning with his first book, all his works have included the facsimile reproduction of these former secrets. The fourth of the Whitewash series has more than 100 pages in which the TOP SECRET stamps are visible. These pages represent the Warren Commissioners' deliberations on reports that Oswald had been an American intelligence agent. After obtaining this transcript by suing the government, Mr. Weisberg forced it to give him another of those TOP SECRET transcripts which revealed the Commission's recognition that the intelligence agencies had predetermined its conclusions before it held a single hearing. In this case the existing records, also secret, showed that this transcript had been destroyed. The stenotypist's tape escaped destruction. Mr. Weisberg forced the government to transcribe it and give it to him. It is printed in his most recent book, Post Mortem. It shows that the Commission agreed with the urging of former CIA Director Allen Dulles, "I think

this record should be destroyed." Post Mortem also includes many reproductions of evidence the Warren Commission did not have, such as the suppressed JFK death certificate and the experts' readings of the JFK autopsy film.

1 The few authentic experts in the *field* regard Mr. Weisberg as the pre-eminent authority. He has done and continues to do most of the original work.

He speaks on the JFK and Martin Luther King, Jr. assassinations and on the Freedom of Information Act. Where possible, he also holds seminars.