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Dear Mr. Jameson,

Who is 26. At 84 and able to remember what the world and the country were like when I was your age, I do appreciate what you said and the concerns you express. We had similar concerns then but not identical ones.

The world is that kind of a world and the country has the kinds of problems that concern most of us and all we can try to do is open the eyes and the minds of others in the hope that the time will come when their having that understanding will be good.

I do appreciate what you said about my work. Being told that today, when my health is precarious, does mean much and I do thank you.

I have continued with that work but my publication of it has been impossible. All I can do is try to make a record for our history, for our future, and although printing it is now a physical impossibility for me, I am getting copies to a few friends who are educators and are much younger than I.

It may interest you to know that I heard not a peep from Posner after Case Open appeared, cut by 75% or so by the publisher. And after my earlier work, which dates to 1965, I got no letter or call from any of those of whom I was so critical complaining that I had been unfair or inaccurate.

Because of our physical limitations the only way we can keep the first of the "Whitewash series and Oswald in New Orleans available is with the xerox editions we can provide and about which we have had no complaint. Fact is that neither of us can safely use the cellar stairs so friends keep a supply of the books upstairs for us and from those we do fill the orders we get.

Many thanks <sup>for</sup> what you said and for taking the time, and

Best wishes,

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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

I hope this letter finds you in good health (or as best as can be hoped for!). I write you in great respect, as I am one of those whom you make mention of in some of your books; young enough to have not been alive at the time of Kennedy's assassination. Regretfully, I have had the opportunity only to have read two of your fine works: "Case Open" and "Never Again!", as I've found that many of our local bookstores carry only a handful of books regarding this crime, and only indiscriminantly, without regard to content or accuracy. Thus, I found your two books amongst those of Livingstone, Lane, Hurt, Lifton, and yes, Posner.

Incidentally, at the time, I decided to purchase "Case Closed" by Posner and "Case Open" at the same time. I read his book first and then yours; consequently, I've since read "Case Open" twice more. I believe my copy of Mr. Posner's work (I realize I use that word mistakenly) is mouldering somewhere on my back deck.

Don't mistake me. I approached both his and your book with an open mind. Though I had at the time read other books by some of the above-mentioned authors, and did feel there was a conspiracy to kill President Kennedy and the "official" explanation wrong, I hadn't been convinced wholeheartedly by those authors to the point of total belief. Therefore, I was willing to be receptive to an intelligent, analytical, conclusive book. I hadn't read one of these on the subject until I read "Case Open" by Harold Weisberg. Case closed on "Case Closed".

Before reading "Case Open" and "Never Again!", I'd<sup>heard</sup> of you and your work, mentioned by other authors in the field... of course, most notably your "Whitewash" series. Let me apologize for not getting around to your work until last. Possibly though, maybe I'm fortunate that things came out this way. After reading all those theories, including the Warren Report, and then getting the gist of the Whitewash books, though not yet fully I'm sure, the truth becomes more apparent. Remaining troubled and unsure after reading their "best evidence", I'm somewhat embarrassed to admit that I couldn't put into words the thing that bothered me most. After reading your two (just two!), I could. Namely, the

the question "Why isn't anyone interested in hard fact? Why all the conjecture and speculation with nothing to substantiate?". In essence, why must everyone degenerate into theorizing? You see, even I (certainly interested in the subject, but by no means active in any intense research) instinctively felt that there must exist a hard body of fact, a legitimate record lurking somewhere.

After reading your two books (and surely to be reinforced after I read in hopefully the near future, the Whitewash books), I realized your approach is the only way the <sup>work</sup> could have been shed. Not to insult your work by any means, what I think amazes me most is it's simplicity. Nor do I mean to call decades of hard work, litigation, research, and poring over hundreds of thousands of documents simple. Obviously, no one else has done it. Nor, I think, do they want to. So much easier to produce a book without the burden of hard work and fact finding. No, fiction must surely be funner to write, with the added bonus of coming up with something that could easily be rendered into a screenplay. The fact that you freely offer the use to anyone the results of your years of labor, the truth, and as of yet, few have used it, and none extensively, says enough.

Only one last thing troubles me, and it is a subject that you have addressed. Namely, now that we know the truth (maybe not the whole truth, but maybe the most we can hope for), what do we do about it? What do we learn from this?

Disillusionment, disgust, apathy for our country's system. These would be easily contracted symptoms caused by this knowledge. They got away with it.

However, a sobering education is not always a bad one. Personally, I've never (or at least not since my voice deepened and began to notice the female gender) took the words of our institutions without several grains of salt. Henceforth, more so. And the media? From now on, to me, the media will have to prove itself right before I accept anything it spews forth. Not paranoia, just healthy wariness.

I apologize for the length of this missive, Mr. Weisberg. I just strongly felt I would be remiss if I didn't attempt to convey how I felt. Many, as I, are deeply indebted to you. You have shown many the truth, and I feel this country is, in a way, more secure with your legacy firmly in place at Hood College, allowing others in the future to learn it as well. Whoever committed this crime got away with it, but in the future - "Never Again!"; there will be those, like myself, who will be watching.

I would respectfully request a price list and catalog of all your available work. I realize any personal response from yourself would be too much to expect, though I can honestly say any such response would run the risk of being framed and hung in my den.

With Sincere Respect,

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P.S. The length of this letter could be rightly pared down to just four words:

"Thank You Harold Weisberg."

From a twenty-six year old American