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Dear Ms. Meyerowitz,

Please excuse this delay in responding to your 12/20.

Your changes are fair save for one and if it is too late that is my fault with the problems that come from age and what it brings. The one correction is, in a distorted sense, perhaps unfair to Luker, who made up the nonsense that Wrono is my gofer. He is my dear friend, as are others, and we work as decent people do, helping each other.

If there is any more about this matter that you do not publish, if it is not improper I'll appreciate copies for archival purposes.

Not for publication but for your information, I was hospitalized for a while and then was, without need, sent to a nursing home. which did not discharge me. I then discharged myself. But in the time I was not home we were robbed of many files. I then asked Hood College, which did not yet have the space ready, to take possession of what was in our basement. It made two trips ^{for} a moving van necessary. and that took only almost all of what was in the basement. It will be about a year before the space is available and the files can be arranged so they can be used. It is a fine but a small college and is not rich. I hope they can get ^{foundation} ^{support} for a historian to be with those files supervise the use, and make them more accessible. It is fascinating information in many ways for a bright one with an open mind.

It includes some records that are unique and of considerable historical and other importance, some I think are unique.

It is not at all like that self-important fool Luker said. I suspect he served another. One possibility is Michael Kurtz I think it is an outrage when self-serving subject-matter ^{can be used} ^{as} make up what they think is fact and then regard it as solid information and then enlist others in doing their dirty work.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

Sorry about the pale 1 paleness, but I can't get a ribbon locally.

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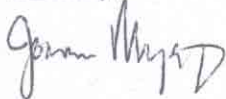
Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Thank you for all the materials you sent to our office. I appreciate your taking the time to share your findings.

I am enclosing an edited copy of the two-page letter you asked us to publish in the *Journal*. As you will see, most of the changes are extremely minor corrections that clarify the prose. In addition, we removed the sentences in which you refer to Ralph Luker as a liar. (We always reserve the right to remove passages that may expose the *Journal* to legal action.) As you will no doubt see, the revisions do not change the tone or substance of your comments.

If you do not want us to publish this edited version of the letter, please let me know immediately. If we do not hear from you in the next three weeks, we will assume you want us to publish the edited letter.

Sincerely,



Joanne Meyerowitz
Editor

JOURNAL OWES JFK ASSASSINATION APOLOGIES

When you allow me only two pages to respond to the complete fabrications about me Ralph Luker included in his defamation of Dr. David Wrone (and defamation is not a refutation or even a response), you require directness.

I had nothing to do with the Wrone review of the second of Gerald Posner's whorings with history, the one in which he protected those who did kill King. However, Wrone is a cherished friend. I love him and his family and I have given him an abundance of materials, ^{as he has me.} He wrote a book about the historical importance of the secrets I was able to disclose with what I obtained in one of the dozen or so FOIA lawsuits I filed and by which I obtained about a third of a million formerly secret assassination records. These were some of the Warren Commission's dirtiest secrets.

It is worse than nonsense to defame the man recently retired from a fine career as a professor of history, to demean Wrone by writing, another complete fabrication, that I hired him as a gofer! When I had this vast collection of all those once-secret official records and used only the official evidence in my writing, of which ten books have been printed. And for Wrone to have brought me what the FBI itself delivered free would have been not only ridiculous, it would have required travel of more than half the width of the country each time.

After it became physically impossible for me to retrieve those records I had in my basement, I decided to use the unique subject-matter understanding and factual knowledge I have for a series of books titled *Inside the JFK Assassination Industry*. About thirty are now completed, more are started and planned, and contrary to Luker's fabrication that they do not exist, in the past week alone I've had letters from two professors who, between them, have

twenty-one of them. The FBI itself bestowed unique credentials on me when, in an effort to end its perpetual perjury to keep secret what was not properly secret under FOIA, I put myself under oath rather than depending on immune lawyer pleadings and, with myself subject to the perjury charge that the FBI or the Justice Department could file, I attributed perjury, a felony, to it. But instead of denying my attribution of perjury to it, it told that federal court judge that I "could make such claims ad infinitum since he is perhaps more familiar with events surrounding the investigation of President Kennedy's assassination than anyone now employed by the F.B.I."

I knew more than the FBI so that licensed it to be felonious.

Nobody I know chose to go head-to-head with the FBI to make the suppressed information public and nobody of whom I know ever got such an endorsement from the FBI and the Justice Department. As, if he were not the subject-matter ignoramus he is, Luker would have known. And with those about 80,000 pages of the third of a million pages on which to draw, the last thing I would have done, and I did not ever do, is to theorize, which really means fabricate, and have what I did subject to legitimate question. Which none has been since the first, my first book on the subject, was published thirty-five year ago.

Strong as my criticisms of all of them are, not a member or employee of the Warren Commission phoned or wrote to complain of any unfairness or inaccuracy in what I printed and one member approved and supported my work until his dying days.

I could go on indefinitely exposing the fabrications and intended defamations, but not within your space limitation. However, my comment on it will be added to *Inside the JFK Assassination Industry*.

An editorial policy intending to promote dialogue is fine but is not the result uncritical publication of obvious falsehood and complete fabrications, without even adequate space for

response? That is like getting Hitler to write history. And in this connection, allowing that shameless phony Luker to refer to me, a Jew, as a Holocaust denier should have sent your hair climbing. It is an outrage and is of even greater outrageousness when I was one of the first to learn about that atrocity, could not place that article in any magazines, and in the end gave it to a small Jewish publication.

But for Luker to make this indecency up is typical of the man, as he exposes himself without realizing, from his ignorance, that he does that.

You owe Wrone and me, your trusting readers, and the precious history you failed and corrupted abject apologies.