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Dear Mark,

You hoped your letter would find me in good health and ⁱsprits. The latter, yes. For the first time in years I have a little part-time help and I'm working on an unrelated matter because this help overcomes some of my physical limitations. So, I have no time, please understand, for chat-chat.

Glad you are in college, increasingly important as the country grows and changes. Good luck!

You say you work parttime for Radio Shack. I was a customer in the late 1920s when I was a radio amateur and bought parts from it in Boston by mail. Right now I have a Model 12-132 am/fm-stereo in my shirt pocket listenong to classical music from Washington. I love this set because it is so convenient and is adequate in the fm fringe area. I can use it without distrubing my wife early mornings. Odd thing, though, while I rave about the set. The first one I got would not switch to am. So I took it back and it was replaced. When I got that set home it would not switch into fm. B ecause they had no other in stock I got the first one back because fm is more valuable to me. I've checked from time to time but no new stock in. i

It wa not just curiosity that got me interested. I believe the assassination of a president has the effect of a coup d'etat. With this in mind read the dedication in my first book and I think you'll understand my motive.

Most of the authors of the books that pretend to solve the case do believe what they wrote that is so misleading. Some have been interested in what comes with success and fame. Some are plain phonies. Esp. on the other side, silent in recent years.

I have no knowledge of any lectures, symposia, etc.

I wasn't at the Pittsburgh meeting. It has not been safe for me to drive for more than about 20 minutes at a time since 1977 and I haven't. From this you can see that I do not travel to lecture. Can t.

Please excuse the haste. Best wishes,

Harold

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Dear Harold,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and spirits.

I wish to thank you for replying to my letter of last summer. I regret getting sidetrack and not being able to thank you until now. One of the reasons for my delay is that I am attending college while working at a local Radio Shack. So, time does get the best of me every now and then. I am studying American History at North Adams State College and I am in my junior year. I hope to have my Bachelor's Degree in 2 or 3 years. Working, and attending school, is quite a difficult task. More difficult than I ever imagined.

I have to laugh along with you at my sending last year's letter via certified mail. I suppose when I wrote it, I was a little paranoid from all the assassination literature I had read. I'm only reading what anybody in the USA can read off a bookshelf. It's the ~~best~~ researcher who, I guess, might be endangered if he looks around in the wrong places. Have you ever been afraid during your researching of the JFK case?

In your letter of last August, you mention a documentary by somebody by the name of Solby. Who is this person? Can you explain what the documentary is about. Can I obtain a copy from you?

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From what reading I have done on the JFK murder, everyone praises you for your landmark work in the case and they put you at the top of the list in honesty, diligence, credibility. Why have you invested a good part of your life to something so baffling? Was it common curiosity? I know I am drawn to "it" for two reasons. One, human curiosity. And, second, I have always admired President Kennedy and I want to know why he was murdered. What did he do that angered somebody, or a group, to want to murder him? Other presidents have angered powerful blocs of citizens and have not been assassinated. It is baffling, is it not? I hope you don't spend all of your time on the assassination. What are your other interests?

An interesting observation. Nobody in officialdom wants to touch the Kennedy case. And yet, there is a constant barrage of books and related material, published. Now, not all of these books published make their authors millionaires, right? So, would I be correct in saying that most of the authors publish their works in order to present their thesis, and, hoping their research will further the murder probe along to justice? Or, are most of these authors shallow, self-centered people who want a fast buck and purposely muddy the waters in order to mess up any hope of finding facts?

As you can see I have a lot of questions. Are there still lectures, or Symposiums, about the JFK assassination? I know there were many

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in the 1970's when new facts were being discovered daily. I would anticipated a symposium on this subject with a passion. I know I missed one such meeting in 1988 at the University of Pittsburgh. Did you attend this seminar? Do you still give lectures on the assassination?

Thank you very much for reading my letter. And thank you for being so kind in replying fast with my questions ^{of last summer.}

Sincerely

Mark

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Dear Mr. Koziol,

That you sent your letter by certified mail, return receipt, leads me to believe that you have been influenced by the largely irresponsible assassination literature. I am not aware of any trouble with my mail and I get lots of it, from all over.

You say that your father followed conspiracy theories. That is true of most people who had any interest. However, if you are a serious scholar you must learn to distinguish between fact and fiction and theories and fact.

Whether or not there was a conspiracy and who conspired are two quite separate questions. I've read just about all the books and not a single one makes out a solid, evidentiary case against those it says conspired to kill either JFK or King. For the most part those authors made no effort to familiarize themselves with the simply enormous volume of once-withheld official records that were available to them.

The crimes themselves were never really investigated officially so there are no real leads to be followed. While I have no objections to people theorizing I do object strongly to misleading the people by presenting theories as fact and they all do that.

Selby's work is simply great. That documentary was his master's thesis in communications. The only really good documentary remains this student's, Reasonable Doubt. Notice he advanced no theory. He did precisely what a documentary is supposed to do in a free and honest representative society. The essence of authentic scholarship!

I would not have appeared on that British commercialization of the great tragedy of Dr. King assassination if I had not been promised that they would not do what they did at the end, pretend they solved the crime. They not only didn't - they did no checking of Melanson's crap at all and it is not only factually incorrect, it isn't even reasonable if you know anything about the realities of such things as intelligence operations. Melanson is a PhD and he teaches and he is grossly ignorant. Aside from being dishonest. However, as you'll realize if you ask yourself, how is the reader or viewer to know this?

Those same people are now in the U.S. working on another transparent fraud they intend to make into another TV commercialization. No, not them, those who did a similar prostitution on the JFK case. You may have seen or heard of the rascal who says his father was one of three JFK assassins. He lies. And the story he tells is untenable.

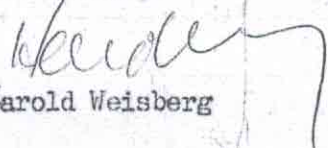
I encourage you in your research and thought to ask yourself basic questions like is this reasonable, and if you think it is, then ask yourself is it possible. You are handicapped by a lack of factual knowledge but you should still apply these tests.

I do not have a newsletter and I don't subscribe to any. I enclose a copy of our price list.

Those file cabinets some of which were visible in what you saw contain government records I got by a series of lawsuits under the Freedom of Information Act.

You will find no theories in my books. Theories are not the stuff of history though, are they?

Best wishes,


Harold Weisberg

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August 13, 1990

To: Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

I am twenty-six years old and currently working towards a Bachelors degree in history at a local college. I have enjoyed studying American history for as long as I can remember because of the childhood influences of my grandmother and father. Both of them were history buffs and taught me to respect, and enjoy, American history. During my spare time, I am studying the John F Kennedy assassination.

I saw you interviewed for the 1988 t.v. special, "Reasonable Doubt: the J.F.K. Assassination" and the 1990 Arts & Entertainment Network program "Who killed Dr. King?" I enjoyed the way your presentation of the facts in the Kennedy case destroyed the single bullet theory. I was impressed to see during the King documentary the dozens of filing cabinets in your home which contain your Kennedy and King material. I now feel less guilty over my obsession with the JFK case when I think of your basement full of cabinets compared to my closet full of one cabinet!

It is ironic that until November, 1988 I had scarcely looked into the JFK murder, until then I had concentrated on studying his life. To back track, growing up in the 1970's, I was indifferent to all the talk of JFK, his murder, the Warren Report, and the cries for a new investigation. My father, a strong JFK supporter, followed the conspiracy theories being talked about at the time. However, I pretty much ignored the Kennedy phenomena until 1980.

In 1980, Teddy Kennedy ran for president, and, that sparked my interest in the Kennedys. Nineteen eighty also marked the twentieth anniversary of JFK's own race for the White House. For the next five years, I researched JFK, RFK, and the family by reading and buying books and magazine articles. I enjoyed teaching myself about this current history which was always left out of our school history classes. I came to respect JFK for what he tried to accomplish in his presidency.

I have twice visited the Kennedy Library in Boston. I even met Dave Powers during my first visit in 1981. I also volunteered my time in 1982 to help in the campaign to reelect Ted Kennedy to the senate. During that summer, because I was a campaign coordinator, I attended a picnic at the Kennedy compound.

The 25th anniversary of the assassination in November, 1988 refocused my attention to this unexplored aspect of JFK's story. Since then I have read five books on the assassination, and, I have bought other material from the Collector's Archives in Canada. The literature ranges from the 1963 to the present. It is a god send to any novice researcher trying to learn more about the JFK case.

I have a couple of questions. Do you publish a newsletter? Do you still have copies of your Whitewash books for sale? And are there any other books that you have written besides the above mention?

Thank you very much for taking the time out of your busy schedule to read my letter. And I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely yours,



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