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Dear Jerry Kay,

I appreciate your letter of the 3rd, particularly your understanding that there were serious purposes in my speech and that they are an essential to being able to do anything.

Because you report difficulty in locating my books, I enclose a list.

Unless there is a constructive purpose to be served by your having direct contact with Jim Lesar, I do hope you will avoid it because he has that much too much to do. We both do and everything we do that can be avoided is done at the expense of something else that we might be able to do.

This accumulates into a heavy cost.

Jim is far behind in some legal matters that are urgent. He is also carrying the full legal load of the Ray case. In a short while that will be an enormous amount of new work.

However, if you have any real information on Gerald Frank, it could be of interest. You mention discussing his book. At the same time, idle conversation about it would detract ~~and~~ from what Jim can do.

I will give him your letter.

But unless you report that there is something other than what is normal, our satisfying your curiosity, I do hope you will seek to do this in the books that are available and save us this time. We really have little. "either of us gets much sleep.

And I also hope you will undertake to communicate your correct understanding of the realities to your friends.

The way Jim was treated was very bad.

I suggest you can take this as a measure of those I addressed in the speech he read for me.

Thanks and best regards,

Harold Weisberg

Rev to HU

May 3, 1975

Dear Mr. Weisberg,

I am a student at New York University who attended the recent "Politics of Assassination" conference held at the N.Y.U. Law School. I am extremely sorry that you were not able to be there, but I hope that your health is improving and that you will be able to resume your important work. From what I have heard and seen of your work (it is generally hard to find your books in any library) I can only say that the conference was the poorer for your absence. I found myself agreeing with much of what was in the speech Mr. Lesar delivered in your stead. As you seemingly foretold, much of the conference degenerated to nonsense (the combined fault of both speakers and audience at times). Among others, I saw no reason for the presence of a Flo Kennedy and while Penn Jones, Jr. is a nice fellow, and seems to have done some fair amount of research, I find it hard to swallow much of what he says.

I must say that I was angered at the manner in which Mr. Lesar was treated at the conference. The audience was rude and apathetic when he delivered your speech, and it was an affront to the man's dignity and work to cancel his workshops on Saturday afternoon as they did. I would like to personally write Mr. Lesar if you might be so kind as to provide me with an address at which I could reach him. I spoke to him for a brief moment (in regards to Gerold Frank's book on the King assassination) but could not avail myself of another opportunity to speak with him as he was

engaged in conversation with Sylvia Meagher and I did not wish to disturb them. My room mate, who also attended the conference, did speak to Mr. Lesar about your combined efforts and we agreed that you have been the workhorses of the research on Dallas and richly deserve acknowledgement of and a larger audience for your work. Today we were able to find a copy of "Whitewash I" from the main N.Y.U. library and we are reviewing it with great interest. As for your other books, I imagine we'll keep on looking in other libraries (the N.Y.U. library also has "Frame-Up," and we are presently waiting for it to be returned.)

At a time where public interest in the murder of President Kennedy might possibly yield results, I feel that the disjointed efforts of the individual "assassination buffs" are going to lose credibility if they cannot present a unified front. You are, in my opinion, correct when you say that this talk of Hunt and Sturgis, etc., is going to play into the hands of those who would cover-up the truth because it would mean the loss of any meaningful point of focus. I hope that the American public will be hearing more of your work. Again, best wishes for your speedy and full recovery.

With Sincere Regards,



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