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Dear Mrs. Lawson,

I wish I had the time to adequately answer the many thought-provoking letters, like yours, that I received, with the attention they warrant. I have more than I can do with the current book and the rough draft of a sequel now written. It is entitled WHITE WASH II: WHO DID IT. It will show who did the actual whitewashing.

Briefly, there is nothing I know to warrant the belief or the suspicion Mr. Johnson had anything to do with the assassination. You will recall I did not share the error of Cliff Carter.

Also, although I have looked critically, I have believed from the first and still believe that the Secret Service escort was brave and not involved. They violated regulations, might have been disciplined for it, but I am convinced they are dedicated men. I wish our land found it possible to find men of equal dedication but fuller education for this important task.

In comparing my references to the Report, I used the official copy. Private versions may not have the same pagination.

Thank you very much for taking the time for an encouraging letter.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

8-28-66

Mr. Harold Weisberg  
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Thank you for sending me the two copies of "Whitewash" for which I trust that you have received my check in payment.

I do find that, in reading your book, I need a copy of the Committee Report in order to observe the exact reference. I have a friend who owns a copy of the report - I will borrow some - then loan her mine of "Whitewash".

In reading page 50 - 2nd. paragraph - I am astounded to note the precaution taken for the Vice-Presidential con. as opposed to the lack of it (precaution) in the Presidential con. Of course, you don't thus far give any evidence which would suggest anything in manner which would be construed as an VP involvement, there are many who have said that they believe such an involvement exists.

This letter must not involve me any more than it should involve its recipient, which is you in case you wish to respond - in which case you could only indicate

something which would be of an affirmative type response —  
inasmuch as I've given you nothing to which you would respond  
negatively — unless you wish to make some kind of response  
in the negative, which I would understand as meaning that  
there was nothing in your investigation to bear out the  
least question of any involvement — or suspicion of same.

Insert a few "yeses" — or a few "no's" & I'll get your  
response — no matter in what reference you use either of the  
two words.

I am deeply impressed with the study you have made —  
the vast calculations involved, and, while I've read only 50  
pages, I find the need of a copy of the Report to continue  
& make use of your references — properly & understandably.

Those men were too busy to be assigned this task — since  
it could not, for that reason, be properly undertaken. But  
because they accepted it — it should have received more of  
their attention than was given it — at the expense of other  
or primary duties.

The easy way out was to accept the arrested person, Oswald,  
and prime the facts to support his guilt.



I recall quite vividly at the time that there was a chase up "a grassy knoll" near the viaduct - where shots were thought to have come from. And the thought that the wound in the neck was a "puncture" wound - entering from the front - would uphold the belief that there was an assassin toward the front.

The ~~atticus~~ <sup>Zapruder</sup> picture frames which were obscured by the sign & other obstructions - offer some considerable evidence that the 6th floor of the Book Bldg. was not the only source from which a bullet could have come.

Its tragic that history is written as some may wish it to be written - rather than by the facts. But, how many ~~heroes~~ <sup>foes</sup> would die an inglorious death - & how many cowards sacrificed?!

In my opinion your book will assist <sup>in</sup> ~~to~~ constructing a factual account of this dastardly assassination.

My sincere congratulations to you for the time & thought you expended in your investigation.

Sincerely,

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