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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Thank you for what little reading you gave my work. I am now regretting the inclusion of the first three page introduction section which I admit was ersatz and useless. It will not be part of my completed book.

Does a college professor who is worth his title tell a student who has just failed his first test to drop out of school? No! He encourages the student to continue LEARNING and gaining in knowledge. Because two years of reading has not made me an expert on this subject, you have concluded that my case is hopeless and the effort should be abandoned. I'm sure you didn't give up in 1965 when you wrote your first book on this subject after an equal time studying the Warren Report. Therefore, looking past this advice, I have determined more than ever to complete this book.

Point for point, here are my replies to, (and apologies for,) the issues raised in your letter of 31 May 1990.

Robert Groden: I'm sure he is an accomplished expert on the photographic evidence on the Kennedy assassination. However, if the statement attributed to him by the Jenkintown, Pennsylvania Times-Chronicle of Spring 1989 is accurate, - "We're not a united front... They don't have to kill us because they know in some way we'll destroy ourselves." - I find that he is a bit too paranoid about the dangers of researching this assassination. Given his attitude, I'm not at all surprised that he does not answer letters.

The right tail light: A scientific study need not be done to see what is plainly the difference between the right and left taillight in the later frames of the Zapruder film - one is lit and the other is not. Is this because, in anticipation of the right turn about to be made onto the Stemmons Freeway ramp, William Greer turned on his right blinker? Did he think to signal his turn while watching President Kennedy's head being blown off?! If you had bothered to read the really pertinent part of my work, you would have seen a key point involving the inner right hand panel of the limousine beside the rear seat. If a bullet struck the car at this point, would it have cut the wire to the right hand tail light? Not knowing the exact way in which the Presidential limousine was wired, I can only hope that someone, (perhaps someone who has written six books on the assassination?,) could point me toward the proper source of this information.

Kurtz and Thompson: I didn't say that I agreed with the findings of either author on the shooting. I didn't even say that they were good! I only said that they were the best. As far as I am concerned, no one has ever done a good micro-study of this shooting. What has been done is a lot of minute study of the evidence at hand. No fair attempt has been made to re-construct the shooting so that all the evidence is accounted for. A comprehensive re-construction is my goal.

Triple Over/Underpass: After reading some sources who called this railroad bridge an "overpass," and some who called it an "underpass," I flipped a coin and decided to consistently use the word "underpass." If you prefer the "overpass" name, so be it - I'll switch.

Post Office Building: My little maps of Dealey Plaza were drawn on a computer aided drafting system using a photocopy of the map found in Guth & Wrone, The Assassination of John F. Kennedy: A Comprehensive Historical and Legal Bibliography, 1963-1979. Admittedly, this is a very poor source. What is needed for a truly accurate mapping of Dealey Plaza would be the municipal survey data of the City of Dallas for the year 1963. I intend to search for a copy of this data and rebuild my electronic model based on it. As for the Post Office Building, (I will call it by that name henceforth,) there is nothing of importance on my charts which is not pictured in the photograph after page 192 of Whitewash II (Dell edition.)

Sources and Bibliography: The bibliography included with this preliminary chapter manuscript include only the sources I have studied or used to produce this segment of my work. The bibliography of books which I have already read entirely, (some twice and three times,) numbers more than a hundred. You may see a copy of that list if you wish.

Evidence of a gunman on the roof of the Dallas County Records Building? You should have read my work a bit further. Read what I have put together, and *then* shoot me down - but not before. If I and my sources are incorrect on this point, so be it. I will remove this part from my work and move on.

A shot from the triple overpass? I disprove this in my work. I fully agree that Buchanan was irresponsible. He had no right to write a book on the assassination without doing any research and so shortly after the event.

I am taking one point of your advice to heart. I am now determined to study the materials in the archives, the Warren Commission volumes, and the HSCA material more deeply - all the while realizing that some, little, or none of the truth is contained in them.

May I also add that I think the best study done of this assassination has to be credited to yourself. I notice that you did not even attempt to reconstruct the shooting in the same way as I have attempted. It is possible that I may not, in the final version of my book, attempt this reconstruction either.

As far as publishability is concerned, that was not the reason I started this whole endeavor. I have already resolved that I will complete a manuscript for a book. Whether a publisher decides it is worth publishing is much less important to me. I want to research the assassination of John F. Kennedy for the same reasons you began your search - I am not satisfied with what has been done by our government or by private researchers.

Again, thank you for your uninhibited critique of my work and I hope that we can continue corresponding. Your continued help would be greatly appreciated.

Thank You,



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