

Dear Lesar,

It was very thoughtful of you to send us the pictures of ~~my~~ made from the Dahish use of US TV footage. I gather from what you say that it was CBS. We appreciate also that you mounted them so well. My wife in particular was quite pleased. To give you an idea of how superficial TV news is here, that brief bit represented about two hours of taping! Rather misused his position for editorializing that he did not substantiate then. It can be, of course, but that does not justify what amounts to his attempt to justify himself and CBS for their past prejudiced reporting on the assassinations.

Oliver Stone's movie is also getting great attention here. I have no way of evaluating the national reaction but what I've seen, which includes a volume of newspaper and magazine articles, it is mostly adberse comment. This was my hope when I got it started so that the historical record would hold the truth.

I think I must have misled you because Hoch and I get along well. I've known him since he was a student more than 25 years ago. The disagreement between us is that he supports some of the conspiracy theorizing, particularly David Lifton's, which is knowingly dishonest and wrong. He is a careful scholar in other respects. I suppose that the basic difference between me and the others is that I distinguish between whether or not there was a conspiracy, which my first book was the first to prove and I believe is without reasonable question, and who conspired. Also, most of the others now just assume that there was a conspiracy and do not prove it. The reader thus has to take their word for it and as with Garrison and through him Stone, there is no proof of any conspiracy and thus the people wind up misled by their all-inclusive theory presented as fact.

One of the major criticisms of Stone here is that he had made his own footage indistinguishable from real footage, like Zapruder's and newsreels. I have not seen the movie and do not intend to. I turned down four invitations as soon as it was shown here, one in Washington.

If I may make a suggestion on the translation, use Whitewash as basic and then add to it from the later books. and on copies of documents, to the degree making copies that require searching is possible, I'll be glad to do that. I am not able to do much searching. If you give me an idea of how much you would like I'll send you a few that are readily available that you will find interesting, I think.

I'm sorry Jim Lesar has not responded. I'll try to remember to remind him when we speak. However, in recent years he has been so busy we do not speak often.

You enclosed a copy of a Secret Service report you translated into Danish. If you tell me where it appeared I'll do some checking for you. I remembered: the illegible name is not "Dabe Dortman. It is Lane Bertram.

Hudkins became and remains a friend. He left Houston to work on a Baltimore paper and he went from there to Buffalo. I've forgotten the name of the paper. There are evening hours when I can phone him on their toll-free line but because I cannot help getting up too early since the open-heart surgery, I am usually too tired by that hour.

I do not know whether your radio stations pick up what is broadcast here but if they do Oliver Stone is to speak at the Washington National Press Club luncheon on ~~1/15~~ 1/15. Those speeches used to be aired here by National Public Radio. If they are this will surely be broadcast. I suppose there also will be TV coverage. He is an instinctive, persuasive, articulate liar who is well experienced in this and in using the major media for his own ends. It remains to be seen what questions are asked him and how he responds.

I have heard that Garrison is ill. From pictures I've seen he is. One account says it is heart trouble. I know he was hospitalized for a while during the summer and that he retired four months early from his judgeship because of it. Retirement is mandatory at 70 years. That gifted man is a great tragedy! He and Stone have much in common but from their personalities I would not be surprised to know that they are not getting along as well as they began. Stone by now must be a bit put out to have learned, as he has, that Garrison's book, which was edited by Stone's coauthor of his script, is so dishonest. I think the real reason Stone got Geoffrey Skaar to be coauthor is because Stone knew nothing about the assassination and did not care enough about it to learn the facts. I think that from the first he saw it as a vehicle for saying what he wanted to say about Viet Nam... Thanks for your good wishes and let us hope that the coming year is a better one than now seems in prospect, sincerely, Harold Weisberg

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Dear Harold

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First I would like to thank you for your last letter of september 9th. Your comments to my inquiry on "Time" was very informativ, as well as your opinion on the other american magazines. The reason for that I am writing to you now, is the new movie by Oliver Stone "JFK", which have received a lot of publicity here in Denmark and I believe around the world, for the last many days.

As I was aware that the different television-stations in Europe and U.S.A. was showing comments and footage from the film, and I am able to watch most of the stations in Europe, and the american network "CNN" in my home, I kept my video-recorder ready for recording all the time. In that connection I can inform you that you have been on the danish television.

On the 21th. this month as I was watching the news, I suddenly saw you comment the Oliver Stone movie, and as you can imagine it was a great moment for me to watch you live, and of course I recorded it also to show it for my family, who for the last year have heard so much about you from me.

As I understand the comments from reporters and commentators on the different TV-stations, you were right when you told me in your last letter, that Oliver Stone have done a bad job with this movie, by changing the history and background for the assassination of JFK. I specially noticed your remark on television that (Oliver Stone would not discover the truth, even if he stumbled on it).

To get back to your letter from september, I am not sure whether I understand you right about your comment on Paul Hoch. You said that you and him disagree on his support of the conspiracy-theories. But after I have been reading a lot now of your writing, yourself are in favor of some sort of conspiracy. Maybe I have gotten it wrong about the differencies between you and Paul Hoch.

As I have told you before, I intend to translate some of your work into Danish, but as the material is so huge and overwhelming, it is difficult to decide where to begin. As I always have thought that your struggle for getting published your books in the first place, and your battle with the government in the different legal proceedings, is essential for an understanding of all of your work, I decided to begin with "Whitewash IV", which I now have almost finished.

In that connection I wrote to Jim Lesar, as you told me that perhaps he got some material on the "Get Weisberg Squad" but unfortunately without result, but it is not so important, as I got plenty of material on your legal proceedings in the book of David Wrone, which I also intend to use.

After I have gone through "Whitewash IV" I have a lot a question I would like to ask you, but as I am aware that you have a lot of other things on your mind, I will here concentrate it to one.

As it is very difficult to make copies from your book of the official documents you have included, is it possible, if you got the time, to obtain some other copies from your file of those important documents, which I also intend to use in the book.

My translation will be finished in the beginning of the new year and I will of course send you a copy, and even it is in Danish I hope you will like it.

I will finish my letter, by wishing you and your wife a very happy new year, and thank you for the time you have taken in the passing year to answering my letters.

Best wishes, Lasse.

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SYNOPSIS

Interview med Houston reporter Alonso H.Hudkins 111. Han erklærede at Oswald er blevet rapporteret for at være på FBI's lønningsliste som meddeler, og andre informationer.

DETAILLER AF UNDERSØGELSEN:

D.16 december kontaktede Alonso H.Hudkins fra Houston Post kontoret, og oplyste at han var af den mening, at Jack Ruby's medlogerende Georg Senator, muligvis kunne have forbindelse til mordet på Lee Harvey Oswald. Han viste ingen tegn på at han havde nogen speciel grund til at fremkomme med denne udtalelse, andet end at han da han blev interviewet igen d.17 december, erklærede han at Ruby havde en bror og en nevø, der tidligere havde arbejdet for Jimmy Hoffa's organisation i Detroit, men sagde samtidig at "det sikkert var et skud i tågen", at Hoffa's organisation skulle stå bag attentatet.

D.17 december fortalte Hudkins, at han lige var vendt tilbage fra en weekend i Dallas, hvor han havde talt med Allen Sweatt, chefen for kriminal-afdelingen indenfor sheriffens kontor i Dallas. Sweatt havde nævnt at det var hans mening, at Lee Harvey Oswald var blevet aflønnet med 200 dollar om måneden af FBI som meddeler, og i forbindelse med deres statsfjendtlige undersøgelser

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Han gav mig det påståede meddeler-nummer som Oswald var blevet tildelt af FBI som S.172. Hudkins erklærede at det er betydningsfuldt for ham, at advokat Melvin L. Belli fra San Francisco der repræsenterede Jack Rubinstein, var registreret som en advokat fra østkysten på brevpapiret i advokatfirmaet Abt, som var den første advokat Lee Harvey Oswald bad om at repræsentere ham.

Han udtalte at chef-vice-sherif Allen Sweatt har kopier af dette brevpapir. Sweatt censurerer al Ruby's post.

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Kontoret i Dallas er blevet anmodet om at interviewe Allen Sweatt, Dallas-sheriffens kontor, i relation til det ovennævnte. Men det er foreslået at dette interview bliver foretaget under sådanne omstændigheder, at identiteten på reporter Hudkins ikke bliver afsløret, da han betragter Sweatt som en værdifuld kilde af informationer.

Det anmodes om at kontoret i Houston bliver forsynet med en kopi af rapporten fra Dallas, for at hjælpe med til at undersøge de informationer Hudkins har bragt frem.