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Mr. Tom Wilson
City Editor
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Dear Mr. Wilson,

I am told you were among several who enjoyed the privilege that to me would be great, of debating with Wesley Liebeler. In defending the Commission, really himself, I am told he denied "WHITWASH and Coverup. Interestingly, Whitewash is the name of a series of my book, two of which are out and going to you separately, and coverup is from the subtitle of the second, the last third of which I think you will find of particular interest. I understand there were two lawyers with you. I'd appreciate it if they have time and can read what I say about Liebeler if they'd write me their opinion of it and of his performance. I give the sources of everything, so I can be checked in the printed evidence.

If I were asked to name the one person who, more than any other, is responsible for the whitewash on the operating level, it would be Liebeler. He avoids me like the plague (even owes me \$5.00 for the copy of whitewash he ordered last July. I asked him to show me a single error. I'm waiting. In a single week, after leading people to believe he'd be there, he avoided three confrontations on radio and TV where I expected to find him: WBBM, Chicago (Paul Fanning), KCBS, San Francisco (Harve Morgan) and the Lomax TV show in LA. I could have been on the syndicated Fyne show at the Lomax time. I've been wanting to debate Liebeler for some time and I elected to keep that promise. I was told that on that particular Sunday afternoon Liebeler had an urgent need to be in Washington in the National Archives. He keeps the continent between us, and if he has mentioned my name once, I've not heard of it. The Archives, by the way, is closed Sundays.

I have just finished the draft of a third book and have two more I hope to finish within two months. From now on I hope to have commercial publication, though I do not know. You will be hearing and reading more about Liebeler. If he had truth for a client, as I understand he said, he had no clients. If you have a tape of this debate, I'd appreciate it very much. By the way, you can confirm the Lomax thing with the actor who took me there and had made the arrangements, William O'Connell, 4178 Stansbury Ave., Sherman Oaks, Calif.

Excuse my haste and errors; I'm beyond fatigue. My first book is out in a Dell reprint. We're dickering on the second. I wish I could afford to send the attorneys copies free, but I cannot. We've not quite broken even on our cash costs yet, and we've three years of the longest and most disagreeable work in this, my wife and I. Should you have occasion to mention my books in print or elsewhere, if they are not available in your area, we mail either for a total cost of \$5.00. Either is available to bookstores at normal terms. If you've no tape but notes, I'd like them. Sincerely, Harold Weisberg

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LAS VEGAS, NEV., APRIL 5 (AP)--A LEGAL ADVISER TO THE WARREN COMMISSION DURING ITS INVESTIGATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION DEFENDED THE COMMISSION'S REPORT LAST NIGHT AGAINST CHARGES OF "WHITEWASH" AND COVERUP."

WESLEY J. LIEBELER, AN ASSISTANT LAW PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES, TOLD MORE THAN 500 PERSONS ATTENDING A PANEL DISCUSSION THAT THE COMMISSION OPERATED ON THE BELIEF THAT "TRUTH WAS OUR ONLY CLIENT."

THE PANEL DISCUSSION WAS SPONSORED BY THE LAS VEGAS YOUNG DEMOCRATS CLUB.

THREE OTHER PANELISTS TOOK ISSUE WITH LIEBELER, CHARGING THAT THE "PUBLIC HAD NOT BEEN TOLD THE TRUTH."

FORMER CLARK COUNTY DIST. ATTY. EDWARD G. MARSHALL SAID: "I BELIEVE THE WARREN COMMISSION'S REPORT WAS A WHITEWASH IN THE SENSE THAT IT WITHHOLDS CERTAIN INFORMATION FROM THE PUBLIC AND IN THE SENSE THAT IT DID NOT REVEAL THE TRUTH."

TOM WILSON, CITY EDITOR OF THE LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL, AND DEPUTY DIST. ATTY. GEORGE SPIZZIRRI, AGREED WITH MARSHALL.

LIEBELER ARGUED THAT ALL THE COMMISSION'S INVESTIGATORS WERE GIVEN A FREE REIN AND HAD EVEN LOOKED INTO AREAS NOT COVERED IN THE OFFICIAL 26-VOLUME REPORT.

"DON'T YOU THINK THAT ALL OF US YOUNG ATTORNEYS WOULD HAVE LOVED TO DISCOVER A CONSPIRACY AFTER THE FBI, CIA AND SECRET SERVICE ~~FAILED~~ FAILED?" HE ASKED.

DURING THE THREE-HOUR DISCUSSION, LIEBELER NOTED THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE PRESIDENT'S DEATH ARE "INHERENTLY UNBELIEVABLE TO THE AMERICAN PUBLIC."

HE SAID PEOPLE "JUST CAN'T ACCEPT THE FACT THAT A WORTHLESS HUMAN BEING LIKE OSWALD COULD HAVE PERFORMED ALONE, AND YET THAT

IS THE TRUTH."

THE WARREN COMMISSION CONCLUDED THAT LEE HARVEY OSWALD WAS THE ASSASSIN AND THAT HE WAS THE ONLY PERSON INVOLVED. OSWALD WAS SLAIN TWO DAYS AFTER THE ASSASSINATION BY JACK RUBY, WHO DIED OF CANCER.

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