

June 30, 1968

Mr. Frank Wright
The Freedom Institute
Iowa Wesleyan College
Mount Pleasant, Iowa

Dear Mr. Wright,

This letter is written at the suggestion of David Finke, director of the war/peace program of the American Friends Service Committee, who is somewhat familiar with my work and writings.

I am the author (and perforce publisher) of the first critical analysis of the Warren Report and the only one of the original "critics" to continue investigation and writing. I am the only one to have made an in-depth examination of the once-secret files in the National Archives. I have a considerable file of these documents, including some said not to exist, some of which all copies are thought to have been eliminated in one way or another and, in fact, proof of the destruction of some.

Publisher resistance on this subject is incredible. Those with experience on "controversial" subjects (as though this should be one!) will not be ready to believe the actual history. The fear and dislike that I earned by self-publication, which really opened the subject, added to this publisher fear of government on this issue, makes me virtually unpublishable.

Four of my books have been printed. Three I had to publish myself, by offset reproduction of the retyped manuscript. These are, perhaps, our first "underground" books. I became co-publisher of the fourth in lieu of an advance and royalties. This and my continued work have been bankrupting, despite the success of my first book, WHITEWASH-THE REPORT ON THE WARREN REPORT. So, I have three more books that I have been able to publish in only limited (xerox) editions. As my work continues, I will have more. I also have partial manuscripts for a number of other books. Whether they can ever be printed I do not know. But I am satisfied this work must continue.

In the course of this rather large inquiry into the facts of the murder of the President (and those subsequent murders I think it would be wrong to assume are entirely unconnected) and its official investigation, I have assembled extensive files that I think will ultimately make the nucleus of a valuable university archive. I think my files now constitute an unusual archive on the functioning of government under and after major stress and on popular reaction to both. These files, in addition to my analysis and the documents, include extensive government correspondence, correspondence with many of the principals, memoranda or/and tape-recordings of interviews with some of the witnesses and those who should have been and were not called as witnesses.

There is no doubt in my mind that the murder of the President was

followed by immediate changes in policy, especially military and diplomatic. I have a book on this already researched. I have a tape-recorded interview with one of the late President's closest military advisers confirming the specific change in Viet Nam policy that immediately ensued.

There likewise is no doubt that at the best the federal investigative agencies immediately engaged in an enormous cover-up. This I have thoroughly documented from their own records. To this day they continue it and to this day all are silent at official conclusions that are contrary to their own.

The evidence I have assembled shows that without the murder of John Kennedy there would not have been the subsequent history in Viet Nam. The subsequent murders of leading politicians served to make impossible changes in policy back to that to which John Kennedy had shifted. One of my limited editions is entitled COUP D'ETAT.

One of the by-products inevitable in this work has been the accumulation of a record on the FBI, its procedures, methods, excesses and outright dishonesties of various sorts unlike anything else, and I am familiar with the literature on it. Included here is what it suppressed (with Commission collaboration) on the involvement of the radical right. Here I have some of the suppressed files and some of what was suppressed even from them - what the Commission never saw. For example, I have the records on four separate National States Rights Party threats known to officialdom, one including what amounts to blueprints of the Presidential and King murders and the name of the man plotting both - plus what may be a solution to the Birmingham church bombing. Need I, in this connection, note the possible significance of the fact that this party is now "defending" James Earl Ray?

COUP D'ETAT deals, among other things, with the King murder. I am now writing a large addition to it. It contains and will contain more of what is not publicly known and understood. It is a totally shocking story, documenting the total abdication of all leadership and responsible elements in our society. Even more is this true of the two completed books of the three I plan on the Presidential autopsy. Here I have documented from what is suppressed and misrepresented a deliberate federal misrepresentation of virtually every fact, with destructions of evidence, misrepresentation of what was not destroyed and what was - I cannot, really, begin to describe this briefly in a letter when three books will not exhaust it. There is, I believe, nothing like this in history, certainly not in modern times. I also believe that without examination of the evidence I have my word will not be credited.

Mr. Finke thinks you may be interested in my work and possibly in helping with it. I have, without success, asked a number of foundations for help. There is a permeating fear of this subject and what it involves and gets into. Because of President Johnson's shrewdness in appointing Earl Warren to head the Commission (whose members were manipulated by the staff and federal agencies and, largely, did not know what was going on), liberals most of all are afraid. Thus they make defense of him impossible and play into the hands of the extremists. It is a strange anomaly that I have had no help from the liberals but have gotten help from the radical-right.

If you might get interested in this work, I suggest the best way is not to take my word for anything but to see for yourself what I have. Not only is this the rational way but without seeing what you might regard as the impossible you would not be willing to believe it. Therefore, if you are interested, I invite you or anyone you trust to see parts of my files, with the one restriction that my confidence be preserved, that no one be told of the contents. If you

accept this invitation, we are at Frederick, about a half mile from the closest boundary of Fort Detrick (!), about an hour from either Washington or the Baltimore airports. I would gladly meet a plane and provide transportation from and back to it. We can also provide overnight accomodation.

If it will help your decision, or if you are interested, I will send you copies of what I have printed. My financial condition is so precarious I do not want to send you what you may have in person or in your library. Therefore I enclose a list. Check what you want and I will send them at no cost. You will find no significant error in these books and none has ever been alleged.

This subject is too enormous for many people to have looked into it thoroughly. Most of us writing about it know too little. It was made enormous and complicated as part of the cover-up, to defy proper understanding and analysis. Therefore, those interested in peace are without practical means of learning that the assassinations and their official investigations are the heart and soul of today's peace issue.

I think you cannot look into this at all without agreeing that this is also the essential question about the integrity of our society, including that of government, that all possibility of man's freedom is inextricably entwined with it, and that as a consequence we have greater danger of and pressure toward authoritarianism. Until we can establish and get public understanding of the truths, society in any form like that we have known is in considerable jeopardy.

I do look forward to hearing from you and that you will interest yourself.

Sincerely,

cc Dr. Franklin Littell

Harold Weisberg