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Dear Mr. Carroll,

From time to time there are intervals I cannot devote to the writing I am anxious to pursue as in the time that remains to me I seek to perfect the ~~recessed~~^{revised} to the degree now possible for me. My mind then turns to those matters I can recall that remain open or remain problems. I remembered writing you and getting no response. When I looked at the file I saw that I had not dated that letter. So, instead of mailing this now I'll get it on paper and wait a while longer before mailing it. I'll then try to remember to date it.

I really do regret having to lay aside what I am writing about Gerald Posner and his book, too! Unlike other responsible writing in this field it is a sheer joy! My what a mark he has made of himself!

But in a short while relatives I have not seen in some time will be here, so I do return to what I wrote you, in the event you have not reacted to it by the time I have another interlude like I will have soon.

I have been honest with you, I have tried to inform you, and while you have no obligation to respond, I do think that all interests can be served better than to the best of my knowledge seems probable.

What I told you I could have done is far from all. I intended only to give you a substantial reason to believe me when I say that if I have to defend myself I am in a position to do that. One of the reasons I have done nothing publicly is because I learned long ago that hurting people without need is not the way I want to live.

Whether you have considered the position in which I'll be I do not know. You are, of course, under no obligation to tell me that. I do believe that consideration does also serve your interest. If I did not there would be no point at all in writing you.

You may, of course, have given this matter some thought. If you did, and if you did in terms of what I might do only when I have to face the allegations you yourself described in terms of a felony (and that I believe is a felony under Maryland law), you then would not have considered all my options.

Long ago, in some rather memorable situations when I was young, I learned that for those without real influence waiting to defend against charges already made public can be self-defeating. The truth then rarely can catch up with falsehood. If I feel that I must go public I'll not wait until it is too late. So that you will not have to wonder what I consider some of my options to be, I report some of those for which I long ago prepared. As I've told you, whether or not you believe me, I regard the potential as very dangerous to me and my sole interest is in protecting myself and my reputation.

When Harry spelled out in a greater volume of letters than to the best of my knowledge you know about, because in themselves they are a felony in this state, I took selections from them to the states attorney. The assistant who skimmed them noted immediately possible federal offenses and the possibility of some with regard to the Baltimore city police. She indicated they would have to confer. She told me that when they had reached a decision she would let me know. I have heard nothing since then and I have not asked for any decision. I know that ~~with~~ the Baltimore police internal-affairs unit is overloaded, as are the postal inspectors.

The Baltimore police internal-affairs unit has a rather large selection of Harry's letters in which he says that he represents it. Not from me but to my knowledge it also has such a letter he wrote on its letterhead. It began an investigation, a lot later than this past February, when a detective phoned me about it. On its own it had discovered violations of the restrictions on use of the police computer system for anything other than official purposes. That led them to Richard Waybright and that led them to Harry. They know that Harry got Waybright to do what is both illegal and improper for police, the latter acting as an investigator in free time.

We accepted Waybright as Harry's representative, as Harry introduced him to us, and as Harry's agent he had the usual unrestricted access to all I have. He was here rather often. In the course of it he robbed me of only copies. He then sold ~~them~~ to Lifton, for whom he was also working once Lifton had the lever of his working for Harry. Harry did know about it and he did know that as Harry's representative he stole from me, for Lifton. Of course I can file charges but I have sought to avoid unnecessary scandal.

There is more, Harry is the principal, and if I write the mayor or the chief of police or both and get no response, what I can give the papers, particularly the Baltimore Sun, would create, I think, a real stink that would force some action, perhaps criminal, because I am without doubt that Harry's writing is a felony under Maryland law. If any of that is in the book I believe a look would have to be taken at it. And if I feel I have to go public in anticipation of the damage that the book will do me, it will be public knowledge before the book is out. On what the book contains I know what you have said and I have a thick file of what Harry has said. It is at once ludicrous and outrageous, there cannot be any support of it. Indecent, too.

When Harry told me his new "solution" and who those conspirators were I told him that came right from a fake book by the French CIA and that I had personal knowledge of it from exposing the film based on it and ending its life. His attitude and approximate words were what is wrong with that, they were right anyway.

There is more but I think this should be enough for you to understand that although I have been silent on this and more, if I have to defend myself I will with what I believe will be an effective defense. I much prefer to continue without wasting any of the little

time ^s that remains to me that way. Little considering my age, health and the work I want still to do.

If I did not tell you so earlier, you or anyone you may want to send is welcome, as was Harry and all others, to go over my files and copy anything at all related in any way to the matters of which I write you. It includes two small files on Paul Rothermel II, who was one of those fired by H.L.Hunt's sons as a thief and who Harry told me is one of his sources. It includes my files on that Fake French spook book, Farewell America. And, of course, my file of correspondence with and from Harry.

I am sorry you did not want to do this long ago.

The Harry I know is two people. It is the ^{one} who is not rational who makes me apprehensive.

Sincerely,



Harold Weisberg

Resumed 9/20. Reading and correcting something I wrote about Posner brought me to another destruction of the ~~fixed~~ official assassination mythology in the Zapruder film, no doubt another of the proofs that it was doctored, and that ~~was~~ reminded me of this letter I'd laid aside. I'd begun thinking along a different line last week when I was send a page from your new catalogue in which the charge of "fraud" is used. Whether charging an indictable offense really is prohibited by the Maryland code as I reach it is ^{some} something that may yet be decided. I've taken no steps to have it decided. But in time I probably will. That reminded me that I've not heard of any steps you may have taken to determine whether what you have announced and described is true. I believe that if you had I would have heard about it and I know very well you did not ask me. Nor did Harry, not even after I told him what he had written is false. As of now my knowledge of ^{what said what had as} you ~~had~~, not Harry, ~~is~~ published is that I ^{am} accessory in a murder and am guilty of fraud. Both relate to what to me is the most subversive crime in a country like ours, the assassination of a President. How my actual record, as distinguished from the nightmares of which I have an abundant file, relates to these serious charges you have made and published, may interest you as they may also interest others after your book is out. I am, after all, ^{from} the books you have already published and to which you now add, an accessory of officialdom because you published the book that says the government killed the President and thus I am a government accessory.

When government helicopters ruined ^{as} my chicken farming I sued the government and established a new right that has cost it much in money and problems, the property owner's ownership of the air space over his property to the degree needed to enjoy the Constitutional right to ^{and enjoy} own property.

Broke and in debt from this government tort, after more than 100 international rejections of my first book I published it myself and with it opened the subject up. That book is severely critical of the government whose accessory you personally say I am in its murder. I then published six additional books, all similarly critical of the same government, critical with fact, not what makes money, what is imagined despite contrary fact.

After my book on the King assassination was published I became James Earl Ray's investigator. I then conducted the investigation for the successful habeas corpus, which the government did not like, and then for the two weeks of evidentiary hearing, which it liked even less and which got considerable national attention embarrassing to the government.

I filed about a dozen Freedom of Information lawsuits against the government. Some were precedental and one is credited in the legislative history of the 1974 amending of that Act with causing the amendment that opened FBI, CIA and similar files to FOIA access. In this litigation I obtained about a third of a million once-withheld pages.

I make and have always made all those records freely available to all writing in the field, without charge and without ^{any} supervision.

Although in more than a decade it had never happened before, this enabled me to be robbed, by the agent of your star~~ry~~, prize property, author of the charges you described.

Unless it is a crime to refuse to call chicken-shit chicken salad, there is no act of any kind that can warrant even the suspicion that I perpetrated some kind of fraud or ~~as~~^{was} in any way accessory in any crime, particularly not the assassination of a President. I here limit myself to what you personally said. Harry's letters have me a part of the conspiracy to kill as well as ^{of} more or less the kind of accessory you seem to be talking about. But ~~whatever kind you were talking about~~, any kind is a severe enough charge. You have the Maryland code available to you. You may want to decide for yourself if what you have said publicly, including recently in charging ^{indictable} an offense, fraud, is within the definition of a felony in that Maryland code. At some not distant date you have left me no alternative to learning.

IN this regard you may also want to consider what I probably will have to raise, ~~if~~ whether you have done all of this and will do more on the word, unproven word for sure, of only a man about whose rationality you seem not to have questioned. I believe you had cause to have questions about it.

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