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11/4/93

Dear Ms. Stephenson,

When I wrote you yesterday no bookstore in town had a copy of the Livingstone book.

Later Walden told me by phone they had it. I went and got a copy. I enclose xeroxes of the pages I had been sent and, along with the relevant source notes, his "proof" of my being a political-warfare expert for the OSS. He alleges that I not only waged political warfare against him but led a gang in so doing. So you will see his allaged source, missing in most of his allagations, says no such thing at all. (His xxii)

Because of the colors part of the dust jacket xeroxes solid black. I enclose the back of it. The inside flap of the dust jacket begins, "This explosive new book from the author of the New York Times best-sellers High Treason and High Treason 2..." and later says, "In perhaps its most stunning revelation, Killing the Truth presents a shocking case against certain wellknown assassination researchers for fraud and misrepresentation that has aided the cover-up."

It not fraud an indictable offense?

I am the first listed in his allegation of "treason" in his chapter, "Treason and the Smoke Screen," pages also enclosed.


Aside from the assortment of lies, misrepresentations and just plain fabrications in what he says about me, these more serious and I believe indictable offenses are both hurtful and very worrisome to us.

The advertised first printing was of more than 50,000 copies.

When the advertising and promotions begin his entirely baseless attributions of indictable offenses to me will reach an even larger audience. When he is on the road promoting it there will be millions he reaches with these defamations.

Neither he nor his publisher made any effort to check or confirm any of this because, obviously, it cannot be confirmed being false. There was a ~~libel~~libel reading only, no effort to confirm or have a traditional peer review, again because it would have been strongly negativé. The publisher knows he is not rational but having made much <sup>money</sup> from his earlier irrationalities, was greedy for more. By making the innocents suffer.

Sincerely,

  
Harold Weisberg

80. Ibid., p. 612.
81. Conversation with the author (December 29, 1992).
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83. *Report*, HSCA (1979), p. 65-6.
84. AP story of October 28, 1980, *The New York Times*, etc., that day.
85. Letter to Todd Vaughan (May 13, 1993).
86. Conversation with Sheriff Jim Bowles (January 3, 1993).

### Chapter 13

1. "The Assassination of President John F. Kennedy: A Model for Explanation," *Computers and Automation* (December, 1971 and January, 1972).
2. Ibid.
3. Ibid.
4. Ibid.
5. Conversations on almost every (of many) occasions with Penn Jones, Jr.
6. Meeting of the American Bar Association, San Francisco (July 1992).
7. *Journal of the American Medical Association* (May 27, 1992). See the chapter in this book on this.
8. FBI report to President Johnson (November 8, 1966).
9. Ibid.
10. Letter from Harold Weisberg to Richard Waybright (January 22, 1993).
11. Letter from Harold Weisberg to the author (October 23, 1991).
12. Letter from Harold Weisberg to Hunt Oil Company (February 17, 1969).
13. Letter from the author to Harold Weisberg (November 24, 1992).
14. Letter from Harold Weisberg to the author (November 20, 1992).
15. Letter from the author to Harold Weisberg (November 24, 1992).
16. Letter from the author to Harold Weisberg (November 24, 1992).
17. Letter from Harold Weisberg to the author (November 20, 1992), p. 3.
18. William Turner, "Farewell America," *The Rebel* (February 13, 1984) Reprinted by Prevailing Winds Research, P.O. Box 23511, Santa Barbara, CA 93121.
19. Back cover of Weisberg's *Photographic Whitewash* (1967).
20. "Memorandum For the Garrison File," files of Hunt Oil Company (January 9, 1969).
21. Meeting of March 9, 1993, Dallas.
22. Bill Poulte (October 1992) and to Officer Richard Waybright (January, 1993).
23. Discussions with "The Source." See chapter by that name.
24. Discussions with Gary Shaw, Al Fisher, and Larry Howard on several occasions.
25. Interview (May 30, 1993).



Harold Weisberg, former Senate investigator, editor, investigative reporter, OSS intelligence & political analyst, has done the definitive investigation, research and writing on the Kennedy assassination and its official inquest.

*London Times*

# MYSTERY OF KENNEDY INQUIRY CLEARED UP

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT—WASHINGTON, MAY 9

One mystery of the rather mystifying investigation of the Kennedy assassination now being conducted by Mr. Jim Garrison, the Attorney General of New Orleans, has been cleared up. The source of much of his information is Mr. Harold Weisberg, the author of *Whitewash: Report on the Warren Commission*.

Mr. Weisberg, who was one of the first to question the conclusions of the Warren commission, returned to his home in Maryland today after assisting Mr. Garrison and his staff. It was not his first

visit to New Orleans, he was at Mr. Garrison's side when the investigation was announced.

His book was not well received by the critics, and indeed was privately printed after it had been rejected by a number of publishers in New York and London. It is rather shrill in tone, but no one has questioned his honesty.

He has subsequently written two more books, *Whitewash 2: F.B.I. Secret Service Cover-up*, and *C.I.A. Whitewash: Oswald in New Orleans*.

It was these two books, with supporting documents, which were made available to Mr. Garrison.

## Over JFK 'Script'

The scenario guiding New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison in his investigation of President Kennedy's assassination can be glimpsed in any bookstore.

The investigation is Garrison's, but the script apparently started with Harold Weisberg, former Senate investigator and author of "Whitewash," a paperback attack on the Warren report.

"It's sure following me," Weisberg said yesterday of the

testimony of Louisiana lawyer Dean Adams Andrews Jr., who told the Warren Commission that a "Clay Bertrand" had asked him to represent Oswald after the assassination.

The FBI found the leads supplied by Andrews and others fruitless, and concluded, without locating "Bertrand," that he had no part in the assassination.

### Businessman Held

Garrison has charged that "Clay Bertrand" was actually Clay Shaw, a businessman.

*Washington Post*

What critics say about Weisberg and his WHITEWASH books: N.Y. Times: painstaking investigator; N.Y. Review of Books: close analysis...intriguing and interesting; Jim Garrison: best yet; New Republic: Report...shot to death and requires a full autopsy; London Observer: impressive; National Guardian: careful examination...blows Report to smithereens.

New material added

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They're all like a squirrel with a  
prize nut.

—Farris Rookstool, FBI

Of course there was a conspiracy  
in the case!

—Deputy Al Maddox

What if a man gain the whole  
world, and lose his own soul?

### CHAPTER 13

## TREASON AND THE SMOKE SCREEN

There is another side to the research in the assassination of John Kennedy, and that is the world of the researchers and critics themselves: what they do, what kind of people they are, how they treat each other, and what really motivates them.

This chapter is highly personal. I write it because by telling my own personal experience, it may have meaning for the reader and the history of what lies behind the masks.

I have come to the frightening realization that part of the research community (AKA "critical community") is an operation of some kind and has co-opted the case. This chapter may be the most difficult thing I have ever undertaken to write. I feel that I have reached into Orwell's world where things are never as they seem. I arrived here after a torturous journey. Investigating the case is torturous, because few are interested in the truth. Many have built their careers on wild theories. And now, to protect themselves, they would rather kill the truth than have their pet theory disproved.

There is a smoke screen erected to prevent us from getting close to those who might know something about the actual plot's continuing cover-up. Those witnesses are in Dallas, and there is a wall of silence there to prevent us from learning what did happen and what is happening. There is an almost impenetrable smoke screen.

I penetrated this wall enough to know what was behind it. There must be a *real* investigation, and it should start with those involved in

autopsy witnesses for the first time at a press conference and that would help expose the cover-up in the case.

There are those who take money from other researchers and then stab them in the back. There are those who extort money from witnesses. There are those who hold priceless original evidence on the pretense of "enhancing" or "studying" it, then sell it or show it for a high price.

#### Harold Weisberg

One of the most powerful leaders of the "critics," who aspires to be dean of them, "former Senate investigator" Harold Weisberg, has a strange history. At the time of the assassination he and his wife, Lillian Stone Weisberg, owned a fourteen-acre place they called the Coq d'Or Farm, and raised chickens, ducks, geese, pheasant-chickens, and Rock Cornish game hens. Weisberg, before World War II, worked for the La Follette Civil Liberties Committee "and was discharged for permitting certain information to leak to the press. Senator La Follette stated that Weisberg had been dismissed for a breach of trust involving the release of confidential information to a newspaper and the Senator was quite certain the newspaper involved was *The Daily Worker*, former East Coast Communist newspaper."<sup>8</sup> Sound familiar? Weisberg is the man who leaked Oliver Stone's filmscript to *The Washington Post* in 1991, and all but wrecked the film before it began.

Harold Weisberg has followed a pattern of running power trips on people and asserting himself in their affairs for years.

He is the man who moved into Jim Garrison's investigation around 1967, and in his own words (which follow in this chapter) all but wrecked it.

"Weisberg was one of ten employees fired summarily by the State Department in June 1947 because of suspicion of being a Communist or having Communist sympathies. He was later allowed to resign without prejudice."<sup>9</sup> The fact that he was a member of organizations that were cited by the Department of Justice as subversive does not necessarily mean too much. But is it not passing strange that the same Department of Justice dumped tens of thousands of files in the JFK and other cases on Weisberg and nobody else in the United States?

Weisberg resisted forgery of the autopsy materials as a viable explanation when it appears that *everything* in the case is probably forged. He always put forward this argument: Why would the conspirators forge

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