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Dear Ms. Stephenson,

In today's mail I have several pages of xeroxes from the Harrison Livingstone book of which you have a file, Killing the Truth. Whether or not these are all the references to me in the book, they do not include any notes. Walden does not yet have the book so for now I send you only what Livingstone had indicated in letters about me as involved in the conspiracy to kill President Kennedy. That certainly is an indictable offense!

"Hunt was one of the conspirators, put money in Weisberg's hands as though from other sources, and one of Hunt's men paid for his several trips to Dallas."

Quite aside from whether or not the old man ^(H.L.) Hunt conspired to kill the President, which I doubt very much, he never put any money in my hands directly and it is not possible that he did indirectly. I saw him only two times. The first time he gave me only thanks for taking to his chief of security at the request of New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison's chief investigator, Louis Ivon, a xerox of the manuscript of the fake book Farewell America that made the conspirator accusation against him. The second time he gave me a grocery bag of his propaganda.

When on Ivon's phone I phoned Paul Rothermel II, then Hunt's chief of security, and told him I had this manuscript, he paid for my fare that one time instead of Ivon. The rest is simply lies, and I note there are no sources indicated, exaggerations or inventions.

I'll be writing a memorandum on this evil by a sick man when I can cite the sources and be certain I address each and every allegation. I'll address a few on this page but I think, especially with what else I've read of this monstrous book, it is apparent that the benefit to Livingstone under the Maryland code is obvious: for his book.

Mrs. Mary Ferrell, a conservative grandmother, was when she first visited us and then when I spent a single week with her and her husband, a legal secretary in one of Dallas's most prestigious law firms. The records of Livingstone's writings of which you have a file alleges that her law firm was part of the conspiracy he imagines killed the President.

Dean Emeritus Rogert G. Storey, not "Charles Story" a law professor, had been a member of the Texas Court of Inquiry into the Assassination of the President Kennedy. I interviewed him two times only, each time for less than a morning or an early afternoon. There is nothing sinister in that, as he makes it. Interviewing him was proper for my work, not mentioned.

Of the then three Paul Rothermels, reference is to Hunt's security chief, the second. As best I remember I saw him only three times. The first was when I took the manuscript

copy of Farewell America to him at the district attorney's chief investigator's request, the second was when he took me for a few drinks at the Petroleum Club the week I was working in Dallas and staying with the Ferrells and the third was when I spent a week there and worked as the guest of the third man wounded, very slightly, in the JFK assassination and he wanted to meet Rothermel, then in private practise.

Henry Wade was then the Dallas district Attorney. He became my friend when we first met and he remains my friend in his retirement. What Livingstone infers about him and his knowledge is baseless fabrication. Wade had no such case. He took the Ruby case to court.

I did work for the OSS but not as he says elsewhere, after being specially trained "Weisberg had been a political warfare specialist for the OSS...." (xxii)

I had no such speciality, I had no such training, I had no such duties and I did no spooking of any kind. I was an analyst who was assigned some trouble-shooting investigations. The OSS had the Army transfer me to it for my prior experiences. It never gave me any training of any kind. (Again, no source indicated for any of this.)

"Senator (Richard B.) Russell, for whom Harold Weisberg worked, helped supervise these intelligence agencies." I never worked for Russell and he did not "supervise" anything like that. He chaired Senate oversight. I did, however, have an entirely different relationship with Senator Russell. He encouraged me to try to disprove the Warren Report until his dying day and he was a Member of that Commission.

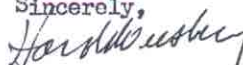
What follows attributed to Sue Fitch, of the most paranoid of the right extreme, is all false.

Neither he nor his publisher nor any peer reviewer, which I doubt very much there was, checked any of the things he says about me with me. But when I heard him say what he has in the book about me being connected with his alleged assassination conspirator I told him that ^{was} false and I did tell him the truth. I think your file does include his letter or letters on that.

On the facing page is what is also outrageous and fictional. He says that the President's chauffeur "betrayed" him. Greer was, as were several other of the White House Secret Service detail, made literally ill by the tragedy. He had to retire, as several others also did.

The number of people against whom he must have made charges of indictable offenses in this book must be great. I'll know ~~me~~ more when I get it and unfortunately will have to read it.

As I think your file shows, Livingstone lives in Baltimore.

Sincerely,

 Harold Weisberg

It is easy to see why Garrison was destroyed with advisers such as this: men who came to him first with one story and slant on things, who promptly change their position on the facts, and who lead all who come near them to their doom.

The book, *Farewell America*, had its origins with French Intelligence, just as Weisberg said, but the real sources were the Kennedy's and Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan who was asked to set up a team to investigate the assassination the day after it happened, by Robert Kennedy.¹⁸ There were direct lines of communications between the Kennedy family and President De Gaulle of France.

Former FBI agent William Turner and Steve Jaffe authenticated *Farewell America*, tracking it to President De Gaulle and the presidential palace. The book said that "President Kennedy's assassination was the work of magicians. It was a stage trick, complete with accessories and fake mirrors, and when the curtain fell, the actors, and even the scenery disappeared . . . the plotters were correct when they guessed that their crime would be concealed by shadows and silences, that it would be blamed on a 'madman' and negligence." This is great writing and absolutely the truth as I now understand it in the assassination. The above paragraph describes what happened better than anyone else could have said it.

After criticizing the Secret Service agents for drinking the night before and for other serious mistakes, the book went on to credit them with professionalism: "They were the first in the President's entourage to realize that the assassination was a well-organized plot. They discussed it among themselves at Parkland Hospital and later during the plane ride back to Washington. They mentioned it in their personal reports to Secret Service Chief James Rowley that night. Ten hours after the assassination, Rowley knew that there had been three gunmen, and perhaps four, at Dallas that day, and later on the telephone Jerry Behn (head of the White House detail) remarked to Forrest Sorrels (head of the Dallas Secret Service), 'it's a plot.' 'Of course,' was Sorrels' reply. Robert Kennedy . . . learned that evening from Rowley that the Secret Service believed the President had been the victim of a powerful organization."

Who were the sources of this for French Intelligence? *Robert Kennedy: Jacqueline Kennedy; Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan.*

A book like this, "explosive as a bomb," as *Bid* called it in Germany, was almost completely suppressed in the United States.

It is my opinion that in the face of the evidence and the contents of the book that any one of the researchers who speaks against *Farewell America* is suspect. Just as Weisberg was catastrophically wrong when

he unquestionably accepted the Clark Panel's movement of the wounds in 1968, after seeing the same photographs and X-rays. None of them questioned the authenticity of the evidence relied on: the phony photographs and X-rays.

In the early days after Kennedy died, Weisberg thought that H. L. Hunt might have been involved in Kennedy's murder. Hunt was one of the conspirators, put money in Weisberg's hands as though from other sources, and one of Hunt's men paid for his several trips to Dallas. On one occasion, Weisberg spent six weeks in Dallas at the home of Mary Ferrell. Weisberg spent a great deal of time with SMU law professor Charles Story (who was one of the judges at Nuremberg) and with Paul Rothermel and Henry Wade. Wade undoubtedly has a good grasp of what really happened in the murder of John Kennedy, but plans to take most of it to the grave. He told Weisberg nothing of importance. Weisberg never again accused Hunt of being involved in the crime.

It is interesting that this critic, one of the revered idols of younger people in the research community, was trained in political warfare and intelligence operations.¹⁹ He worked for one of the granddaughters of secret intelligence agencies, the Office of Strategic Services (OSS). So did Warren Commission members John J. McCloy, and Allen Dulles. Senator Richard Russell, for whom Harold Weisberg worked, helped supervise these intelligence agencies.

Sue Fitch

Sue Fitch distributed a tape, claimed to be of John Kennedy making love to Pam Turnure, which she evidently got from the FBI or the John Birch Society, of which she was a prominent member, to the Dallas community of right-wing political activists. Fitch was a radical rightist, and she greatly disliked Kennedy.

Mary Ferrell was close to Sue Fitch. Fitch was a close friend of General Edwin Walker, who was fired by President Kennedy for disseminating neo-Nazi propaganda among his troops. Fitch hated Harold Weisberg. H. L. Hunt received a report in 1969 saying that "Sue Fitch advises that she has a low regard for Harold Weisberg in that he was fired from a government position for associating with Russian Nationals believed to be espionage agents. I told her that my dealings with Weisberg had been at arm's length, that I had done some favors for him and that he had provided some information for me. He has done more for me than I have for him, including furnishing to me copies of interoffice correspondence between members of the Warren Commission and