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Dear Mr. Matthews,

I do not have the time for the kind of response your letter of March 26 should have. I'm just home from two weeks in the hospital with quite a stack accumulated. I'll write until an overdue guest gets here.

In assassination books, whether they are good or not, the best source of which I know is The Last Hurrah Bookstore, 937 Memorial Ave., Williamsport, PA 17701. They are also honest people. From what I understand the JFK Resources Center was not dishonest in not honoring what you paid the Assassination Information Center for. There was no connection with them. The Last Hurrah can provide the books I did not publish. I cannot.

Most of the supposed assassination literature is not factual. Some of those spewing that trash and worse out are well intended but not all are. Some have their own agendas and not one has taken the considerable time required to know what the established facts are. In plainer English, most of those people do not know what they talk and write about, as in time you'll realize. I rather suspect the realization may have begun.

As I look back on my association with the gifted, articulate, sophisticated and persuasive Jim Garrison I'm not proud of believing him as long as I did. His explanation of all the guck he issued was that he was fighting fire with fire, doing to the government what it was doing to him. While I have no doubt that the government was deeply concerned about him and what he was up to, it had to do nothing to cause what he caused. He never had what he said he had. He was making it up as he went, often taking what others had written or said and enlarging on that. He was, I believe, a great tragedy, for himself and for the country. He had some real opportunities he refused to do anything about and stuck with what he'd made up.

The Banister stuff is fiction and I am confident that neither Shaw nor Ferrie had anything to do with the assassination.

The Joesten book is worse than worthless and Garrison lies his head off in his.

That was Ferrie about whom Tom Kelley asked Marina. That was our first knowledge of Ferrie.

Hunt, Sturgis, Phillips and others have no connection at all. They are part of the vast assassination mythology.

Johnson was the beneficiary of the assassination but he did not orchestrate the covering up. He did influence Earl Warren that way by J. Edgar Hoover would have seen to it, as he did, in any event. He regarded the FBI's not having done anything as a great reflection on it. Thanks for your letter. Best wishes, Harold Weisberg

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Dear Mr Weisberg

Thank you for your books and letter which I received today. I know I will have many hours of informative reading. This is not the first time I have ordered your books. I ordered them and others (About \$450 worth) from the JFK Assassination Information Centre in Dallas, just before Larry Howard died. After his death I received a letter from the JFK Resource Centre saying that they could not honour my order even though I had paid for them in advance by American Express. To take action from over here would have cost more then my \$450 so I put it down as a expensive experience.

In 1994, I travelled to the States to try and find out more about the assassination visiting Washington DC, New Orleans and Dallas. While in Dallas I met a man outside the Texas School Book Depository selling a booklet, "**Kennedy Chronicle**" by Bobby J Dobbs. He told me I should look up a Tom Jones, as this has happened to others. As I was only in Dallas for two days, that was Saturday and Sunday, I never had time to Look him up. I may have lost \$450 but they also lost. As much as I want to get my hands on books and material on the assassination and used to enjoy reading the Dallas Dateline, I would not buy a thing from the JFK resource Centre.

Once again thank you for your information on Mark Lane. You are not the only person to have their doubts about Mark Lane, I think it was Penn Jones in his Continuing Inquiry who said that Lane and David Belin were rehearsing their public debates on the Warren Findings.

There is so much I don't understand about the Kennedy assassination. I remember reading that you were in New Orleans about the time of the Garrison investigation. What do you think about his investigation? Was he on the right track regarding Clay Shaw, David Ferrie and Guy Banister? I have tried to get my hands on any books regarding his investigation. I have been lucky enough to get "**The Garrison Case**" by Milton E Brenner, The "**Garrison Inquiry**" by Joachin Joesten, the "**Star Spangled Contract**" and "**On the trail of the Assassins**" by Garrison, and your own book "**Oswald in New Orleans**". I even tried to get the court transcript of the Clay Shaw trial, but at \$ 1200 it was a bit rich for my blood.

After having a quick look through your books, I see on page 19 of Whitewash II where Inspector Kelley of the FBI asked Marina Oswald did she know a Mr Farry, would this by David Ferrie? If Garrison wasn't on the right track, why did the government stop the extradition of Garrison witnesses. Where does E. Howard Hunt, Frank Stugis and David Atlee Phillips fit in? Was the Watergate break-in connected to the assassination? Most of all where does Lyndon Johnson fit in the assassination? In my opinion he was the only man with the power to make sure of the cover up.

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In regards to your book " **Case Open** " and " **Never Again** ". I have not got them and would appreciate if you would send me the price of each book, and any others you might have so that I can sent you a bank cheque for that amount

In closing, I would like to thank you again for the trouble you have gone to and hope that one day I have the pleasure of meeting you personal

Yours sincerely



Len Matthews