

Dear Mr. Mentus,

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Thanks for the SASE.

I fear that your confusion comes from what you have read. In general, none of the works of theory can be trusted and some are terrible but the average reader has little means of detecting that.

For example, the records were not sealed for 75 years. That was a distortion coming from the fact that there is an old rule prohibiting the disclosure of what can tend to defame, etc., for that long. I have a third of a million pages of once-withheld records, so obviously they are not withheld. But I did have to sue for them.

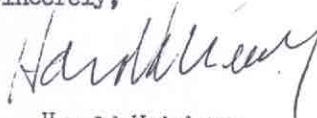
I can't take the time at 81 and in impaired health to respond to all you asked. Much of it is in what I've published, beginning with my first book. Post Mortem is ~~mix~~ on and about the medical evidence. I carry what is in there forward in NEVER AGAIN! which is now delayed until March. Not my idea!

There is no reason to believe that Ruby planned it. Not that I know of. Mythologies!

I believe the curtain rod story and have a picture to be in my next book on it. There was never any real search for them. I have a little on that in my first book.

I do appreciate the kind things you said.

Sincerely,



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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Would you please send me a list of the books which you have authored on the JFK assassination? (I did purchase "Post Mortem" from you some years back.)

Currently I'm in the process of reading "Case Open"; as is your style, it is quite blunt and a passionate indictment of Posner's book, which I've also read. In the past 8-10 years, I've probably read some 20-25 books on that crime. After all that reading of supposedly investigative and responsible scholarship by the various authors, I suppose I should consider myself well-informed about the case. But admittedly, I often feel as though I'm still as confused and as uninformed as when I first began reading all this material. Who's telling the truth? Who's not? Etc., etc. Many of you whom have written about the case accuse each other of suppressing data, distorting facts, telling untruths, whom are we--the general public--to believe (including yourself)?

If you're inclined, please inform me which of your books would touch on the following subjects which I still find disturbing: If Oswald is not guilty, whatever happened to the "curtain rods" he supposedly brought to work? If it was not a rifle he wrapped up, what could it have been? If he was not guilty, why did he run home and get a gun, then run again? Do you believe evidence is sufficient that he killed Officer Tippett? Was the autopsy intentionally botched by Dr. Humes...or was he just following orders, not realizing what he actually was participating in? What happened to the chain of evidence resulting in the disappearance of JFK's brain?

My feeling is the government doesn't want us to know ALL of what happened. I think the public should know. If there was nothing to hide, why seal records for 75 years? I feel Oswald had something to do with the killing, but was not the lone assassin.

One last thing that plagues me: if Ruby planned the shooting of Oswald, what was he doing in the Western Union office only moments before? Even had he known of the delay in transferring Oswald, wouldn't he want to lie in wait well beforehand? The timing of that incident leaves me doubtful about pre-meditation. And yet....I guess you've heard all this too many times before.

Keep up the good work, sir. And I trust your health will allow you to continue your undaunting search for the truth. As an American citizen, I feel somewhat betrayed by the government's position on the entire affair. Thank God for the diligence and unswerving devotion of such as yourself, on behalf of all America.

Sincerely,

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