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Dear Mr. Mentus,

I appreciate your letter. Thanks for it.

I am familiar with what is now called The Fourth decade. Sometimes it has worthwhile articles but more often it has those of the self-conceived geniuses to whom fact, established fact, is foreign and unnecessary. On balance I believe they do more harm in deceiving and misleading people than they do good with the few solid articles they carry. To give you an idea how their minds work, several years ago they solicited a paper on me as a government agent. They have given much attention to a man who is not rational who says that in his books. This kind of thing is helpful? From those who have not bothered to master the available and official fact? So, try to stay away from all those kind.

If you get my most recent book, which your book store can get from its usual sources, you'll see that the crime itself was never officially investigated. That means that there are no real leads for private persons to follow.

Broken Silence, of which I'd never heard, from what you say of it is a cunning fiction to exploit the assassination and interest in it. What you say it says simply is not possible. I do not remember hearing of Brown or Lasseter and I know they were not here to look at any of the third of a million once-secret pages I got from all the FOIA lawsuits and make available to all writing in the field.

After we sent you the price list we finally did raise the prices a little, as we should have years ago. What you sent for this book is full payment.

Thanks and best wishes,

*Harold Weisberg*  
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Recently in reviewing my library of books on the JFK assassination, I ran across some which you authored and recalled that on occasion you'd responded to some of my inquiries.

I came across a new book entitled, "Broken Silence" by Ray "Tex" Brown with Don Lasseter, published by Pinnacle Books. Have you read it? It deals with Brown's assertion that he showed both Ruby and Oswald how to shoot in an area near Fort Worth. After the assassination, Brown claims that LBJ himself asked him to "keep quiet" about what he knew, and actually met LBJ in Texas at one time in a clandestine meeting. I wondered what you thought of these allegations.

By the way, are you aware of an organization that was called something like "The Third Decade"? They used to offer articles, etc., of the case, but I no longer get mail from them. Also, there used to be an annual conference in November of this group. Did you ever attend?

Last year I visited Dallas and did some touring of the sites relevant to that case. It was like being there all over again, in some ways, since so many details were vivid, made so by investigators such as yourself, who kept an unwary public abreast of so many things. My thanks for your efforts to reveal the truth against great odds and governmental suppression.

Should you have the time, sir, please use the SASE to comment on anything on your mind regarding the above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald Mentus". The signature is written in dark ink and is enclosed within a large, sweeping, handwritten flourish that extends to the right and then loops back under the name.

Ronald Mentus