

Dear Mr. Helbye,

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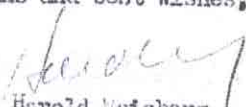
Thanks for your letter and its enclosures. With only two of us, with a combined age of 159 ~~years~~ years, we always do the packages first so they will not accumulate. In order not to delay them, if there is something to which I should respond, I also do that promptly. Other things, like reading clippings and listening to tapes, some when there is time. Now this can go with your order. Before I have a chance to look at what you were kind enough to send me. And I do appreciate.

Gary has been a dear friend for 25 years.

Our printed order form of so long ago we can't believe the difference in what mail costs, did not list Oswald in New Orleans, which I did not print, because we could not provide it. I'm sorry we forgot a separate notice we have been enclosing. It says that we can now offer it in a quality xerox, durable binding, two pages on one side of a sheet 7 1/2 inches by 8 inches for \$27.00, including insured mail.

You are less likely to be disappointed if the still-withheld files are disclosed at some future time if you do not expect much of them. There is no reason to have this expectation from the 250,000 pages of JFK assassination records I've gotten by FOIA lawsuits. What is not easy for people to believe but is 100% true is that the crime itself was never really officially investigated, was never intended to be, and thus not only no smoking gun, not even real leads to be followed.

Again thanks and best wishes,


Harold Weisberg

June 1, 1992

Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Thank you for sending me the information I requested of you on ordering your books. I wish to purchase Post Mortem at this time. Please find enclosed the order form and appropriate payment. I look forward to reading this work. I have made a xerox copy of the order form and plan on sending for the entire Whitewash series later this summer.

I am intrigued by an entry in the bibliography of Jim Marrs book Crossfire, in which as you know, he presents an overview of the JFK assassination-conspiracy theories. There is an entry for a book authored by you entitled Oswald in New Orleans: Case for Conspiracy with the CIA, published by Canyon Books in New York, 1967. My curiosity was roused when I did not see it on the order form for your works which you sent me. Since I would like to soon own all of your work pertaining to this case, could you add a note with Post Mortem and tell me if I may obtain it through the publishers or perhaps another source? Thank you.

In your kind letter to me, accompanying your order form, you requested anything I possessed on the Kennedy assassination which I thought would be of interest to you. There is little to nothing I can send you which would add to your knowledge on this case. In reading your work, I am learning from the master, and I cannot hope to repay what you have taught me and all the citizens of this nation and world who will listen. I do, however, have some articles and commentaries on our late President and Oliver Stone's film that you may enjoy reading. The enclosed items are as follows:

1. A thoughtful column by Harlan Cleveland for The Minneapolis-St. Paul Star/Tribune. It is characteristic of his style, which I have enjoyed many times.
2. An article by a Columbian exchange student attending the University of Minnesota on the late President's Latin America policy, and his letter to the paper (The Minnesota Daily) of the following day.

3. A review of Oliver Stone's JFK from the most unique perspective I have seen. The piece comes from New Unionist - paper of The New Union Party. It is available at the University campus, at which I picked it up several months ago out of curiosity (my wife recently graduated from the U, and we live in close proximity).

4. A piece by Nicholas Lemann, which appeared in GQ - Gentlemen's Quarterly earlier this year. While I have the feeling that the research and writing could be of a higher quality, I enjoyed seeing your name mentioned. From your conclusion to Whitewash II, however, I'm not so sure the writer should have grouped you and Edward Jay Epstein in the same category. But then I have not yet read Mr. Epstein's work.

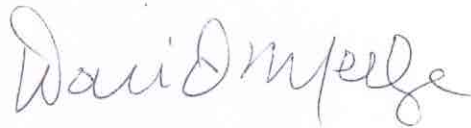
5. Lastly, I have something I think you will enjoy hearing. You may remember that Oliver Stone spoke at The National Press Club in January of this year. Following his address, Minnesota Public Radio interviewed Gary Schoener for commentary. I was able to get some of the interview on tape and I am sending it along to you today. I so appreciated his thoughts and demeanor that I contacted him and asked where I might find any of his work. I also told him of my very high regard for your work, that I had written to you for your order form, and could he recommend other reputable authors to me. His response was very generous in that he included an article he wrote for The Saturday Evening Post entitled "A Legacy of Fear" on the deaths and poor treatment of some witnesses pertinent to the JFK assassination. The magazine had requested it but never published it. He also wrote that you were "an old and dear friend" which I was happy and not surprised to hear, owing to the thoughtful and careful manner in which you both work, as well as the disillusion you both share with the Garrison investigation and your subsequent self-removals from that case.

So while I can add nothing to your vast knowledge of the assassination of President Kennedy and the events which followed, I do hope you will find some interest and enjoyment in the materials I have sent. They are of course, yours to keep, if you so desire.

I look forward to receiving and reading Post Mortem in the near future and I will contact you about the rest of your body of work in the coming weeks.

I am as always thankful for your spirit and brilliance which has relentlessly sought and exposed truth - that which is so important to the existence of a free and democratic society. I only hope that more people will come to know your work and its contents. And that if any documents and files heretofore unavailable under The Freedom of Information Act are released, that you and those you respect will be the ones to examine them and bring to light what is contained therein.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Melbye". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

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