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Mr. Harold Weisberg  
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

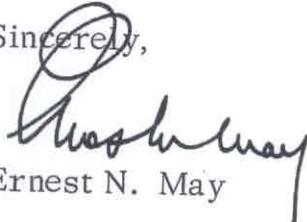
I have before me yours of July 20, which I must have received July 21 or 22 (a Saturday). Hence it must have been the following Wednesday, or July 26, when you were to be in Wilmington briefly and on the Jack McKinney Show.

On the 24th or 25th I looked up hopefully your mother's telephone number, but the Wilmington October 1966 phone book has no Weisberg. Despite what I wrote about seeing Garrison on TV, I am not a TV or a radio follower. In our local papers I could not find any Jack McKinney Show listed Wednesday night. This I regretted. I guess I just don't know how to read the program listings.

In any case, 2 days later I was stricken with some new virus which knocked me out most uncomfortably from July 28 until yesterday, when I first went off the place. Today is essentially my first in the office in 13 days. I hasten to send you my check as promised and will get into the label business next week.

I saw in our paper last week another derogatory column re Garrison. It made me wonder whose bread the columnist, Clayton Fritchey, is buttering.

Sincerely,

  
Ernest N. May

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P.S. - I have been meaning to remind you that one very good reason a potential publisher cannot afford to antagonize the White House or Administration on a truly sensitive point is because they can throw the I. R. S. at him and harass or bleed him to death - quietly. Who -- us?

8/12/67

Dear Mr. May,

Many, many thanks. That may be the only way I'll be able to be the even more concentrated effort at suppression.

When I was in Wilmington I had a couple hours more than I'd planned on because we got to leave earlier and I did phone several times. There was no answer. I wanted to thank you in person and there is the only straightening of the elbow to be taken care of!

The Jack McKinney Show is on WCAU radio, 121, 10 pm. nightly. He is a responsible man whose program frequently includes current and controversial issues. He has been better than anyone else on this subject.

Add to fear of IRS that of the Department of Justice. A warranted fear of the DJ by the owner of one of the largest publishing enterprises, honestly expressed to me, kept them from doing WHITEWASH in 1965. That is the source of the line, "We will make this the best-selling book of 1965" on the inside cover. It came from the ordinary decision-making levels. The publisher himself was then under indictment for another publishing matter. He wanted to stay out of jail, and he has.

Parallax is doing my New Orleans book in pocketbook size. It should be out soon.

The refusal to mention PHOTOGRAPHIC WHITEWASH is total, save for a very good and very unusual story in the New York TIMES of 7/9. Not another single mention. Nor any refutation, either.

We are looking forward to getting your labels. If you have a preference, please indicate which books.

WDEL was supposed to air me in June, first a short phone tesser and then live. They did neither. Not exactly typical treatment for a "local author". My mother has remarried. Her name is Kety. Thus you failed to get her number.

Again, our sincere appreciation.

Yours,

Harold Weisberg

7/20/67

Dear Mr. Kay,

Yours is a nicer letter than the brevity of this reply reflects.

I'll be in Phil. briefly Wednesday on my way to Phila. My wife will remain with my mother and I'll pick her up the next day. I'll be on Jack McKinney's show Wednesday night and I have other Phila business to attend.

There is no conflict between Garrison and me. I was the first writer to testify before the grand jury. We do not agree on 10% of the fact but do in essence and doctrine, both of which originate with me. I wrote my own book on that before going there in late April. Dell broke their contract. I have a small publisher who projects too long a time. If by the beginning of next week he cannot give me an acceptable pub date, I'll do it as a private printing and get it out. I expect Garrison to write an introduction to it.

Neither the AP nor the Washington Post nor any other paper I've challenged will confront me on fact. Their quotes refer to things other than I wrote of. They did not print my quoted sources, which are accurate and understated. The fact is, we do have the evidence. My correspondence with the editor of the Post will some day make interesting reading - and commentation! I saw one review in I think the Morning News, but do not recall that phrase. When I think of some of the writing in it, that is indeed an insult! Do you suppose it could be my apprenticeship? I sent Gary Wilson a copy of this one, too. We used to work and drink together.

Your offer to place 20 copies is indeed kind. One possibility is the Wilmington Library, which has bought not a single one of any set of the three books from me. Another is the University of Delaware Library. If you will send me the labels, we'll do this as we do commercially, a third off, which means your \$100 will help that much more or you can do the 20 for 1/3 less. Members of the Senate and House from Delaware are another. I spoke to Hale Boggs briefly and gave him copies of the first two when I met him again in June. I think also the Congressman. I gave the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, Senators Morse, ~~xx~~ the one with the anti-Cia resolution Fullbright and Kennedy's copies of the first (RFK all three). I would think the more responsible members of both Judiciary Committees also good. When the press wants copies, I send them free (see the 44 inches in the NYTimes & 7/107). WDEL was going to use me before the RNC special then didn't.

Contrary to your suggestion, Garrison needs all the backstopping I can give him. The campaign against him (also me) impels me to hurry even more, for there is much he cannot say and also does not know, important and about other aspects. I expect to have the fifth book done in five weeks. PW took me 28 days, including weekends, from the beginning of the writing to the printing of the index! And I did my own makeup - everything except the cover!

The one serious disagreement between Garrison and me is on the False Oswald. He believes all were real. I expect him to change. It is, in any event, not vital outside court. Please excuse the hurry and many, many thanks.

Sincerely,

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Sunday AM  
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Mr. Harold Weisberg  
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

"Photographic Hogwash<sup>\*</sup>" arrived Friday. Thank you. I had been expecting something from you and that something to be different from the announced "Whitewash III."

I especially appreciate the inscription re elbow and hope it will occur ere long. Thanks for it, too!

Friday is mentioned above because Saturday in the late afternoon I was reading "Photographic Hogwash<sup>\*</sup>" and discussing it with my wife. By purest coincidence at 7:55 that evening I learned that Garrison of New Orleans was to be on TV at 8:00. We dashed to see and hear him. So - within little more than 24 hours - from 2 different directions independently comes Dallas and Kennedy: to start me thinking all over again of their frightening details.

Your latest effort represents such an appalling amount of effort and time that I marvel at its magnitude, care and detail. I would not understand how one can do it if I did not realize that the very dishonest, crookedness of the opposition is in itself a compelling force. You just hate to see such characters literally get away with murdering the nation.

I find I can only read the book about an hour at a time because of eyes, concentrated detail, etc., but I have found it fascinating. Congratulations!

I thought Garrison was excellent on TV. I telegraphed him that at once. I do so hope he can shake out the whole nasty mess once and for all.

The recent Washington Post's long article winding up "... critics have everything but the evidence ..." sounded so damning - and two-faced - I almost laughed. Of course they haven't the evidence (whatever it is) when the tremendous power of The Establishment has destroyed, concealed or denied access to it! The reference to a poultry farmer was an interesting clue to how somebody is hurting.

About 4 months ago even our local "bugle" went out of its way to review disparagingly "Whitewash II" and said something about its

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*\* My mistake!  
But its too funny to change.*

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author, Weisberg, "... who used to work for this paper, still is not a writer." I decided not to burden you with it. But I did then realize that the local press is following somebody's direction from somewhere beyond 10th and Market.

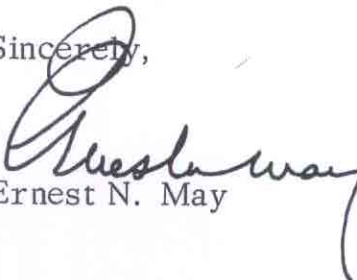
I look forward to reading this 3rd volume and to your finishing the next one. Meanwhile, thanks again for the inscription. Let us pray for Garrison's success.

When any power is as strong and secret as is Garrison's and Weisberg's opposition, it is too strong for America's good.

If you know of 20 places where you could put gratis 20 copies usefully, I will be glad to send you the \$100 to do it.

Perhaps you would be wise to publish nothing more until the Garrison efforts have crystallized. You fellows don't want to risk contradicting yourselves innocently.

Sincerely,



Ernest N. May

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