

UNITED STATES POST OFFICE

New York Bulk & Foreign Mail Center
80 County Road
Jersey City, New Jersey 07097.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

P-189



*Harold Weisberg
Route 8
Ferdieck, Md. 21701*

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE
USE TO AVOID PAYMENT
OF POSTAGE, \$300



1/25/75

Claims and Inquiry
GPO, NYC, NY 10001

Gentlemen,

I have received Form 3760, WRAPPER FOUND WITHOUT COMMENTS, from the New York Bulk & Foreign Mail Center, 80 County Road, Jersey City, N.J. 07097, filled in by J. Fatigante.

"The contents" have not been satisfactorily accounted for," and I would like them to be because this does not appear to be a case of normal damage in the mails.

The address on Mr. Fatigante's form is not complete. It reads "Lady Stewart, Suite 404, 1697 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10019. The wrapper, in the case a printed envelope, reads "Mr. Ernie Eban, Care of" then the rest.

Mr. Eban is a British film maker who is in the country preparing a documentary on the past decade, including political assassinations and their consequences. The title of this book that did not reach Mr. Eban is Whitewash IV: Top Secret JFK Assassination Transcript. Mr. Eban ordered it in a long phone conversation. Because the book did not reach him, Mr. Eban was forced to phone me again, a cost to him, and I to take the book into the Greyhound station for rather expensive delivery to the New York terminal, where Mr. Eban picked it up.

As a result of previous inquiry into non-delivery of my books on political assassinations I have been told by postal inspectors that where an address is found on packages like these the contents are supposed to be returned to that address. In one case this has happened to me. This book does have my name and address printed in the correct place. It has not been returned.

Moreover, the envelope part of which was returned has a facsimile of the cover printed 5 1/4 inches high, so identifying the wrapper with any book in the mail should have been easy if the attempt was made. Bearing on this, the postal inspectors also told me that regulations require the saving of all undelivered paper for sale as scrap. So the book should have been kept.

One of the troubling aspects in this case is that the remnant of envelope that was sent me was cut, not torn. This is true of three of the four irregular edges. Another is that the book should not have been in the bulk mail because I paid the extra postage for first-class. All the postage is not on the remnant returned to me but the crossing out of the printed legend "Special Fourth Class Rate - Book," is visible. In addition, this package, which I think contained two books, was wrapped with reinforcing tape. Parts of this tape around the envelope three times in the shorter dimension are visible - and visibly cut. I am fairly certain I had the edges reinforced with one-inch paper tape. And at two points the tearing off of the Scotch tape is clearly visible.

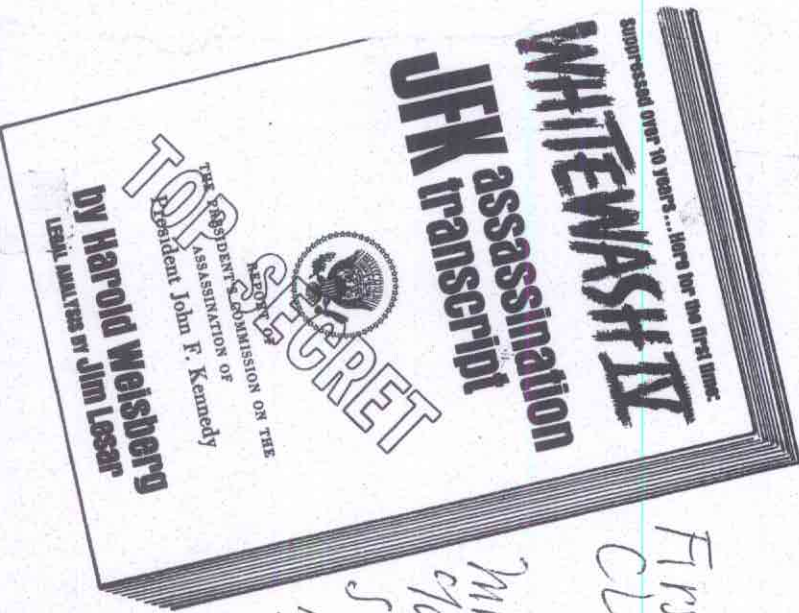
These factors raise a question in my mind about how normal this damage was. If it is possible for you to make an inquiry looking toward an answer, I would appreciate it. And I would like the books back. One may have an earlier address than the one on this letterhead but it should be sent to me at this address.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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First
CLASS

Mr. Ernie Ewin
c/o Lady Stewart
Suite 404
1697 Broadway
New York, N.Y.
10019

SPECIAL FOURTH CLASS RATE • BOOK

STATION



U. S. POSTAL SERVICE	
WRAPPER FOUND WITHOUT CONTENTS	
FROM	POST OFFICE, STATE, AND ZIP CODE New York Bulk & Foreign Mail Center 80 County Road Jersey City, New Jersey 07310
POSTMASTER: Complete this form and return to mailer.	
DATE FOUND 1-10-75	FOUND AT Rearway Bulk to III
ADDRESSED TO (Name and address) 2104 Stewart Suite 404 1647 Broadway New York, N.Y. 10019	TYPE <input type="checkbox"/> INSURED NO. _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORDINARY <input type="checkbox"/> C.O.D. NO. _____
TO:	BY J. FATIGANTE
<p>HAROLD WEISBERG Route 8 FREDERICK, Md. 21701</p> <p>CLAIMS AND INQUIRY GPO, N.Y., N.Y. 10001</p>	
<p>DEAR CUSTOMER:</p> <p>The enclosed address portion of wrapper of a parcel mailed by you is believed to have become separated from the contents during course of its handling in the mails.</p> <p>If the contents have not already been satisfactorily accounted for and you wish that a search be made for the articles, please complete the bottom of this form and return it to this office together with the wrapper. Do not detach this letter.</p> <p>An accurate and detailed description of each item is essential, such as brand or make of article, model number, color, size, kind of material and quantity. If you are able to furnish illustrations or pictures, they would be most helpful.</p>	
DATE	SIGNATURE OF POSTMASTER
TO BE COMPLETED BY MAILER	
QUANTITY	TYPE OF MAIL (Ordinary, insured, C.O.D., etc.) AND DESCRIPTION (Brand or make, color, size, kind of material, model No., etc.)
<p>IF FOUND ARTICLES SHOULD BE (Check one)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> DELIVERED TO ADDRESSEE <input type="checkbox"/> RETURNED TO MAILER</p>	
DATE	SIGNATURE OF MAILER
TO BE COMPLETED BY POST OFFICE	
<p>RESULTS OF SEARCH (Check one)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ARTICLES DESCRIBED ABOVE WERE FOUND AND SENT ON TO ADDRESSEE <input type="checkbox"/> ARTICLES DESCRIBED ABOVE ARE RETURNED HEREWITH</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ARTICLES NOT FOUND (If sent as insured or C.O.D. mail you may present this report to your local post office and request that claim for indemnity be filed. Wrapper will be retained here.)</p>	
DATE	SIGNATURE