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Mr. Frank Mankiewicz
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Dear Mr. Mankiewicz,

Thank you for your letter of the 20th. In it you say of what I'd referred to that my "recollection . . . is simply false."

I am confident it is correct. Of course, you could have been misquoted. The occasion described in the story, I think it was in the old Saturday Evening Post, was an emotional one for you as it was for the reporters with whom you were. It was immediately after Robert Kennedy was shot, perhaps before he was pronounced dead or immediately afterward.

I hope it does not come back to haunt you.

If I had not given the clippings I had of that period to a university I might be able to provide you with a copy.

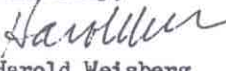
You are correct in thinking that I'd like to know of your disagreement with the conclusions of the Warren Commission. I am keeping your letter and it will be with all my work when it becomes a free public archive at local Hood College.

I know your present client has no interest in it but if in the future you have one the about a third of a million pages of records I got by a series of FOIA lawsuits, mostly relating to the assassination of President Kennedy and quite a few to that of Dr. King will be as available as they are now, when I give all writers access. For the most part this means those with whom I disagree.

In your letter you refer to "critics of the Warren Commission" as though we were all alike. If in the future you have any connection with any, I suggest that you be able to discriminate because we are not all alike. I am not writing this to embarrass you or for any use. I have nothing like that in mind. But most of those now referred to as "critics" or in Oliver Stone's words as "researchers" range from nuts to those who invent or exploit unproven theories that almost without exception are not even tenable. They are all too ignorant of the available established fact to even theorize responsibly.

And all of it tends to bury truth further and to exculpate those official miscreants who failed us then and since.

Sincerely,


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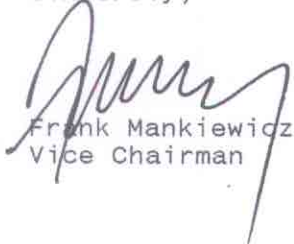
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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Thank you for your letter and the copies of your letters to Oliver Stone. Just so the record can be clear, your recollection that I told reporters that Robert Kennedy asked me "to read the books critical of the official JFK assassination solution and that [I] had told them there was nothing in them," is simply false. I have never made any such statement, to anyone, anywhere. It is true he asked me to inform myself and to read the available literature -- and I was quite impressed. I have always thought there was a great deal in what the Warren Commission's critics had to say and I never believed the official version. That is the story I have always told, publicly as well as privately; I thought you would want to know.

Sincerely,



Frank Mankiewicz
Vice Chairman