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Dear Mr. Mankiewicz,

I've now read and annotated the JAMA article ostensibly on the JFK autopsy but actually an attack on your client Oliver Stone. Having read it, I find that I seriously understated what it makes possible.

It is so utterly false, based on such gross lies, I believe that if a proper, factual response gets the attention that should be possible it can lead to compelling official acknowledgment that the JFK assassination is unsolved.

And my does it lend itself to visuals, to the official documentation and photographs that I have!

The crudest and the most blatant lying - I use the word literally - is in the area of information used to attack Mr. Stone.

In and of itself this particular lying I refer to, relating to the drafting and delivery of the autopsy protocol, can be interpreted as reflecting a conspiracy.

Were I to have scripted what would enable me to make definitive and spectacular response I doubt I would have been imaginative or bold enough to do what these strange people have done to set themselves and along with them the official mythology up for the most exciting and probative exposure.

I do not presume that you or your client have any continuing interest in this and from published accounts he is otherwise occupied. And as I told you, I'll pursue this for my own purposes at the pace possible for me now, not a very rapid one.

But on the chance that Mr. Stone has a continuing interest I write to let you know. Frankly, I am aghast at JAMA's stupidity in this, in doing it at all and in the volume, magnitude and significance of the lies.

It is not easy for me to attribute this to any personal agenda by Lundberg and it is not possible for me to believe that Lumes and Boswell lied by accident.

And there is so little about which they did not lie!

As I indicated before getting the article but much more than I'd imagined this lends itself to what I think of as intellectual judo. The potential is, I think, extraordinary ~~with~~ with attention.

If there is any interest, I'd like to know. I'll be away the third.

Sincerely,



Harold Weisberg