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Dear Mr. Mankiewicz,

About five months ago you wrote me that you and Oliver Stone still retained your interest in the JFK assassination and in what JAMA had done, especially ~~without~~ you were generous in merely deprecating ^{the prosecutors} as the Keystone Korners. I told you I was writing a book. I do not presume that either of you now has the interest you may have had then but on the off chance that either does, - update you.

A dear ~~friend~~ ^{friend} Dr. David Wrone, professor of history at the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, has been retyping the chapters on his computer. Meaning whenever he can find the time in his busy life. This morning I mailed him the rough draft of the concluding chapter. It grew into a massive work, probably about a quarter of a million words.

It also grew into a much more definitive work as I saw the possibilities of using the JAMA skeleton for the meat I have.

If you either retain an interest - and I suggest that it does what Oliver Stone set out to do as a matter of fact rather than as a movie does - by a copy of this letter (Wrone, who is a dear friend and not unprejudiced, will know that he can tell you whatever you want to know about it. (715/344-8148))

A local professor of History, Dr. Gerald McKnight, also a dear friend, after reading the first half-dozen chapters, wrote a letter in which he said the book will "revolutionize thinking about the JFK assassination." I'll give him a copy, too. He now has the 22 chapters Wrone has retyped to read over the college break.

I draw on a fair number of records I got in 13 FOIA lawsuits. I have a separate file of them. They make an irrefutable case for a conspiracy other than Mr. Stone visualized and I think a solid case of factual reasons for crediting the kind of conspiracy he sees without ^{my} charging it.

The Wordsworthian curse of being the first and then opening the subject with a book I published myself ^{meant} ~~could~~ I could not then get an agent. Because of my health problems of the past decade and a half I have not sought one. I have a friend who has a connection with a small publisher and Wrone is ^{sending} ~~sending~~ him chapters as the computer puts them out. I have no publishing commitment. Because it is a really tough book and completely factual I have sought none until the entire work can be read. The very first words charge and the book proves a different kind of government conspiracy, on the highest level. I hope that Wrone can finish the retyping during the break but the probability is that he will not be able to.

Sorry about my typing

Sincerely, Harold Weisberg

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