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At the risk of sounding like I'm bragging, it did not take me a year to do the first of the Whitewash series. I had a publishing contract that the publisher broke while drooling in the till and under that contract the ms had to be delivered by 2/15/65. It was. That gave me about 3/1 months to analyze the Report and skim the 26 volumes. The writing took about a month. To answer your question how, long hours and accurate analysis combined ~~is~~ with a sensitivity toward evasions, nonsequiturs and other such devices. My background helped.

You've made a big mistake not to write Hood and I encourage you to do so immediately because they have a current and serious problem that might be relieved by providing some help to you.

There is a right-wing, sexist nut in the Baltimore area who has dedicated himself to making trouble for area women's colleges. First he went after an old and fine one near Baltimore, Goucher, alleging to the Reagan administration violation of Title 9 under which there is federal help. Now he's done the same thing with Hood, based on a note in the catalogue that on-campus quarters are not available for men. Instead of going to court, President Martha Church is trying to work things out without publicity. This means they have to find some way of accomodating men, may have done so and probably would welcome an opportunity to show that they do help men with accomodations in some way. So, I suggest that you write her, telling her that you are a doctoral candidate at Penn State, have had access to an archive of original records about 10 minutes from her campus, would like to spend the week of October 22 working in these materials, and does she have any accomodations on campus or does the college know of any availabilities consistent with students' financial limitations.

You don't know what I've told you. See how she responds and if she doesn't help then I'll call around. Probably one of the older tourist camp types have lower rates. The chain motels charge the chain prices.

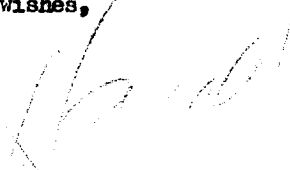
It may be that your letter will reach the friend on the faculty who cued me in as above.

When you are going over the Commission file you can, without extra effort, do a favor for a history professor who is doing a book on J. Edgar Hoover. I had made a file of duplicates relating to his Commission testimony, it has disappeared and this professor wants copies. If you'll just flag them as you go through the file we'll make the copies and send them to him.

Before I forget, now that you've read IV and the comparison between the actual and the Ford transcripts of 1/27, you ought also get Ford's sworn confirmation testimony that he did not take anything for profit and nothing classified. I have that published hearing, probably in the basement.

The weather has changed and in a couple of weeks the basement may be rather cool so I suggest you come prepared.

Best wishes,



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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Thank you for your last letter, it's nice to get such a speedy reply! About the name of our building, it was named after the eighth president of Penn State, but he may have been a radio operator . . .

I have gotten the week of October 22-26 off, so that is when I will be coming down. I will probably leave here Sunday the 21st and come back either the 27th or 28th. In case I can't get anything at Hood, are there any "cheap" motels in the area? (i.e., \$20-\$30 a night.) Please let me know.

I was flattered that you would want a copy of my dissertation for your collection. I didn't plan on giving you a "computer copy," rather a regular official copy of what I will eventually turn into the graduate school. It is customary that you give each professor on your committee a copy of your completed dissertation (a bound copy), and I plan on doing the same for you.

I have finished Whitewash I and IV. I don't mean to sound patronizing, but how in Heaven's name were you able to so accurately dissect the Warren Report in just a year's time? Your analysis of the transcripts was very interesting in light of my study. Though I am supposed to be an independent researcher, objective, etc. I think my study will probably show what a sham the Warren Commission was from an "empirical" viewpoint. Another nail in the coffin of the Warren Report. What upsets me is when I refer to the Kennedy Assassination as a coup d'etat most people look at me as if I was crazy.

I don't need a typewriter as this one is a nice little portable which I am used to and will bring with me. Enclosed is a check for \$10.00 for the books leaving a balance due of \$35.00. I will try to be speedier with the next payment.

Sincerely,



Bruce C. McKinney

P.S. I will need to copy all of the transcripts of the executive sessions that I don't have when I come down.