

Dear Bruce,

12/7/84

I'm glad there is good news with the bad. Have you given any thought to how you'd carry your work on the Commission forward? Would it have to be, for example, on the Commission itself? If not but on the same general subject, may I suggest that you consider a study of how some other institution worked, or failed to? I think that if you were to consider this and the FBI it would amount to a career. And if you pick the CIA, you'd never get them to cough anything up.

Of course there will be Commission possibilities after you finish your dissertation. You'll know better than.

But it sounds very exciting and very worthwhile! Hope it works out for you!

I'm amazed that the table of contents is missing in your copy of PM. If you know how they are printed you'd be baffled, too - continuous belt process. I'll be making a copy to enclose.

Maybe your adviser will have bragged a bit more when you show him what I sent you this morning to go with the Katzenbach memo to Moyers.

If an older man may presume to give advice on your personal problem, I suggest that to begin with you not push too hard and at the same time reflect an understanding and appreciation of the reaction.. And at the same time be aware of the possibility that at another time in the future you may get into something else with great intensity. What then?

Very few people want to be widowed by work, if that is how they conceive it, and fewer still want to be subordinated to another's work.

And nobody at all wants not to have enough attention paid.

I hope that whatever the future brings it is what is best for you.

Sometimes these things do work themselves out.

Get your dissertation behind you as rapidly as you can and maybe that will make a difference.

When you go to the Archives again you know where you can stay if nothing is available closer. And you may want to discuss the grant project with Gerry Mo Knight, who is about 5 minutes from here.

Glad your work here was worthwhile and so pleasing to your adviser.

Best wishes,

Bear Brace,

2/2/85

Thanks for your 1/30 and its enclosures. With regard to the WC 1/11/64 memo and the attached progress report, it may interest you to know that the "major project" of the name index was soon aborted in an economy wave that justified its aborting (by Howard Willens) with the explanation that most names were included in file folders that could replace the index. I'm sure this isn't true but it happened. With those files already being established and by the skilled people from the Archives, I'm certain that when the creation of the index was subject of boasting and the "major" description, what was true when Willens had it killed was true at the outset.

Glad that your prospects on person and professional level are looking up! I hope with due respect for, difference to and acute awareness of the interest, rights and feelings of the lady and in reciprocation her understanding of the importance to you of what you are engaged upon and its possible values and importances to others and to history, which I feel needs being served by those able to.

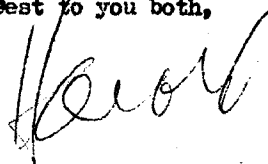
Because you've been so tied up, I wonder if you have written Martha Chruich the kind of letter you should and she might find useful, thanking her for being so helpful and arranging accommodations that for the week you found so useful in your work on your thesis the accommodations she arranged cost you for the week what a motel would for but a day.

I was aware of earlier formulation of Oswald as the lone assassin but I had the outline and I thought that even there were an earlier one I had it, it was early enough, and it is in the form of an outline of the WC's work rather than just observations. I was going into debt then for ~~me~~ every xerox I got. In connection with the breakdown of the work be aware of the fact that Adams left early, I've seen no record of why (but it may exist) and thus the junior member of his team Specter, inherited the work he left (I suspect would not do) and thus also Specter's subsequent career.

I doubt you'll have space or need for the thesis, but if and when you expand this into a book (and all publishers want to say with new material added) you ought go over and if you find useful information in them the copies I'll have on file of my pro se petition for an en banc review/reconsideration of the appeals court panel's decision in my FOIA Dallas/NO field offices case (consolidated), particularly the first of two additions I filed, rather petitioned for filing out of order, with the attachments in particular. Circumstances forced me to be pro se.

Excuse the haste, I'm behind and did not want to let this slide. If the answers are not adequate, ask me for what I've not provided.

Best to you both,



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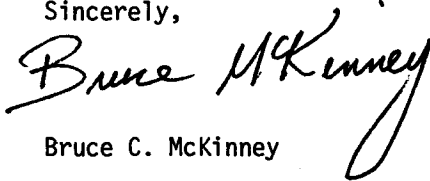
Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Sorry for the long delay in my correspondence. I am happy to say that my personal life is looking up a bit (we "un broke up"), and my nose is finally back in my work. I also had some interviews for a teaching position (assistant professor) in San Antonio last week. They went well, I should know next week whether or not I am offered the job. I had a strange route down there. I flew out of National and then on to San Antonio and then went up to visit my brother in Dallas. It occurred to me only after I got home the significance of that route 21 years ago! I also made another trip to Dealy Plaza. I was going to try to re-trace Oswald's steps to where he shot Tippit (hah) and then on to the Texas Theatre, but the temp. in Dallas was a blustery 12.0

One of my roommates taped over the interview I conducted with you, so if you wouldn't mind, could you please respond to the enclosed questions? Thank you. I did make it down to the Archives last weekend (it was a one day trip on my part to save expenses) and went over some intra-Commission memos. There really wasn't much there between the Executive Staff (Warren, Ford, et al.), mostly memos from Rankin to junior staff. I did come upon one progress report you might like to see. I am sure that you probably have seen it, but if not you will find it interesting. Note on page 4 where the work is divided into four areas including part (2) "Lee Harvey Oswald as the Assassin of President Kennedy." Since this is dated January 11, 1964, it is more support for your hypothesis that the Warren Commission never really intended to do a "real investigation."

Enclosed is \$25.00 toward my debts to you. Hope you and Mrs. Weisberg are in good health. I will be in touch.

Sincerely,



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12/4/74

Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Well here is a long overdue letter! I apologize for my long absence in correspondence. You and your wife were so kind to me during my stay in Frederick and I want you to know how much I appreciated your warm hospitality.

When I returned to Penn State I ran into some hard times. Someone I have been very close to for a long period of time decided to leave me. I'm afraid part of it was due to my obsession with the Warren Commission. I did not pay her enough attention and she grew tired of my Earl Warren thesis, FBI Summary Report that, . . . It has devastated me but I am recovering. There is a small chance things may work out, but I'm afraid to be too optimistic. But my work continues.

The material I attained at your house has been very valuable. I ~~wrote~~ wrote Marion Johnson to see if there was any more Commission material in the Archives I have not covered. He finally responded (his answer is enclosed) and I will need to go to Washington again sometime in January to continue my research. Some good news! My advisor has been "bragging" about my research and someone in grants at Penn State has become interested in my research. When I finish my dissertation he wants to speak to me about continuing my Warren Commission research under a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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and if offered, I will continue!

So that's it from here. Hope you and your wife are well and I hope the 'skins win the NFC east. Thanks again for your support. I really liked what you wrote to me in Whitewash IV. Frost is one of my favorites. May I repeat:

The woods are lovely dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
and miles to go before I sleep,
and miles to go before I sleep.

Sincerely,

Bruce

P.S. Could you Xerox and send me a copy of a table of contents for Post Mortem? My copy is missing this. Thanks.



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November 28, 1984

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Dear Mr. McKinney:

Thank you for your letter of November 7, 1984, concerning the records of the Warren Commission.

The records of the Commission include memorandums between members of the Commission and its staff. There is a file of these memorandums consisting of two National Archives boxes in the alphabetical files of outgoing letters and internal memorandums of the Commission. There may be other material you would like to examine in the administrative records of the Commission, memorandums and minutes concerning conferences and staff meetings, records relating to the preparation of the Report of the Commission, the office files of staff members, and a transcript of a meeting concerning a psychiatric interpretation of Oswald.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marion M. Johnson".

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