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Mr. Herb Brubaker
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Herb,

After the last time I saw you I returned to your building but once, to offer a backgrounding. I met Ron Nessen, who I have known for years, in the lobby, and told him what I thought someone at NBC News should know.

Going back to 1965, I used to background Ron. He then went to *Ham. He knows of my early work.

Most of a year of effort plus copies of books I had to buy to give your people made it clear that there has been no change in policy. So, having no desire to embarrass anyone and more work than I can find time for, I've not been in.

(By the way, your L.E. man wasn't sharp enough to get the rest of the story the lead on which I gave Stern. I have enough of it now.)

The purpose of this letter is to tip you off that one of the dirtier deals on the Kennedy assassination is now in the works. Under its agreed-to conditions, a sycophant of the most dubious scientific credentials will be given access to the utterly irrelevant but still suppressed so he can come out and say his examination of the nothingness verifies his earlier (and really meaningless) writing. He will say that his examination of the brace and the Ace bandage the President was wearing are all that kept him from falling forward from the shot from the back. This is worse than nonsense. Neither the bandage nor the brace could have done this. I've had need for them since 1959, so I do not have to depend on logic. But logic alone should tell you that were this the case, JFK would not have found it possible to sit.

I regret you have not found time to see the "new" evidence I have. I'll regret it more when this rotten business is public - soon. I have that book done. There is little if any commercial prospect for it or the subject in general and I'm too deep in debt to consider another private printing.

I wish I could believe the recent, and conspicuously excellent, NBC-TV news reporting forecast more of a return to the traditional standards of American journalism.

If this interests you, please call. There is little chance it will interest Stern, even if you assign it, and nice as he has been in so many small ways. There is a good chance that one of the by-products, if this thing develops as I see possible, that it will fix responsibility for the suppressions on the Kennedys, which is entirely false. They will not recognize this until too late. And one of their trusted will have been the instrumentality.

Best regards,

Harold Weisberg