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Editor, The Nation
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Dear Editor,

Seeking only to inform The Nation about what will certainly embarrass it, and on a subject ~~of~~ which I am expert and The Nation and conspicuously its Max Holland ~~is~~ ^{are} not, I first wrote Victor Navasky, the only one there with whom I'd had any relations.

That letter was returned with the legend that forwarding time had expired.

So, I wrote again, and that envelope also was returned, although it and the earlier one both reached The Nation.

Maybe you'll return this one to but I take the time from my own work when I'm 88 and unwell and rather feeble so you will not without knowledge publish another sieg heil! on the JFK assassination, I try again.

With the suggestion that you ask yourselves why you have never told your readers that in this country the assassination of any president is a de facto coup d'etat. You ought also wonder whether that one was ~~not~~ only de facto.

All the media has failed the nation and itself in its mishandling of this assassination. It would have been a satisfactory record under Hitler and Stalin. And Now the subject-matter ignoramus Holland is trying, not for about a decade, to do that a new and an entirely impossible way. In the end he'll suffer the disgrace he deserves.

So you can understand, I wrote the first book on the JFK assassination and the Warren Report. After more than a hundred rejections, without a single adverse editorial comment, I published it myself. The nine more. With the Hitlerian attitude of book publishers and with age and physical limitations I shifted to writing books as a record for our history, to leave an accurate record for history. There are about three dozen of these unprinted books and they will be in the archive of my work at a college, where most of it now is, and some copies have been distributed. One is on what Holland has said and written on his childish fantasy—which at that is basically untrue and incorrect. *Factually.*

As I think of the possibilities of a peer review, if there is one, the newest of Holland's intended publishers, Knopf, may turn to elsewhere in the Random House empire and ask Posner. Who, after his Case Closed was silent when my Case Open referred to him as a shyster and a plagiarist and in the original form, for History's record, had more than 800 pages of factual criticism of him and his book and he was silent, except for removing his grossest plagiarism from the reprint. And when his book supposedly on the King assassination appeared, one of that three dozen is Whoring with History: How the Gerald Powners Protect the King Assassins.

Among my other qualifications for saying what I do is the fact that in one of my dozen FOIA suits to force disclosures of withheld assassination records, and I got about a third of a million pages, when I decided to go head to head with the FBI to deter its endless perjury to withhold, it told that court I could make that allegation ad infinitum because I knew more about the JFK assassination than anyone working for the FBI. ^{it blinked.} In my FOIA lawsuit to free King assassination information, the Justice Department, actually, literally, got that judge to appoint ^{me} its counsellor because, it said, it needed my knowledge to comply! (I was Ray's investigator in an unsuccessful effort to get him a trial but my investigation prevailed in the habeas corpus and the Memphis judge, facing the Memphis climate or more than a quarter of a century ago, ignored the evidence and denied Ray a trial with none of the evidence refuted.

This is what had happened in our country and I regret that after the first few days The Nation has been a lusty part of it, as its subject-matter ignoramus, Holland, longs to be and has for a decade.

He knew where he could get accurate information. Navasky referred him and Bird to me, one of them came and copied what they wanted, they saw 60 file cabinets of factual information and Holland has not had a word to say or ask since his thank-you letter of his one use of an archive so large it took two trips if an interstate moving van to take most of it to its final home.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg
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8/31/01

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Dear publisher,

When my enclosed letter to Victor Navasky was returned, stamped "Forwarding Times Expired," first I hope it was that and then I wondered about sending it anyway. My mind was wandering more than usual, a number of things were then troubling me so I rambled.

I do not think that Holland will pay a bit of attention and now that after almost a decade he has latched onto Random House, whose record on this ~~subject~~ subject is like those writing under Hitler or Stalin, there is even less chance that he will face the reality that what he is writing is less valuable than the bullshit it is because bullshit can be put to a worthwhile use.

I have followed what I could of what he has been writing and saying on this and he'll be a laughingstock over some of it, what he says is most basic.

Frankly, I also wondered what when he knew he had free access to that vast quantity of records he asked me not a word about any of them, and knowing that he also got copies, he asked for not a single one although he did go over them, unsupervised, and got what he wanted on McCloy. He also wrote me a nice letter of thanks.

While Holland's approach is different, it ^{se}erves the same purposes as the really awful stuff supposedly on the assassination only Holland is more ridiculous, more impossible, than any of that terrible stuff I recall.

But given the Random House record on this subject. he'll make some money while he does his part in protecting what was at the least a de facto coup d'etat.

Which, to the best of my knowledge, The Nation, like the rest of the media. never told the people

Sincerely,


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May 31, 2001

Dear Dr. Remington,

I am truly apologetic as to the lateness of this reply to your letter of December 29, but your letter was mislaid.

In any event, I'm also sorry to report that we are committed to publishing a book on the Warren Commission by Max Holland, so we are unable to review your book.

Nevertheless, we appreciate your inquiry and wish you good luck with another publisher.

Sincerely yours,


Ashbel Green

August 22, 2001

Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

It was good to hear your voice as we spoke on the phone this afternoon.

Recalling my mention of Max Holland as a writer on the work of the Warren Commission, you indicated an interest in a copy of a letter/note/whatever I received from the Knopf Publishing people, who mentioned Mr. Holland.

Enclosed are (a) the letter of query I sent Knopf; and
(b) the belated response from Knopf.
You may feel free to use them in any manner you choose.

As I indicated when we spoke, if you should choose to relay to me data/viewpoints/perspectives/etc., please feel free to call me collect at my home phone: 616-454-7730. If I am not here to answer, I will return your call the following afternoon. Be assured that your voice will always be welcome.

Take care as best you can!

Best regards and wishes,

Rodger A. Remington

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P.S. **I F** you wish to write me about anything--and I will understand very well if you don't/can't--I have included an envelope for your use.

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