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April 20, 1970

Harold Weisberg, Esq.,  
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Dear Harold:

On return to Kansas City yesterday I found your letters of April 12, 1970 and April 15, 1970 awaitingg Receipt (March 4, 1970) of the carbon copy of your letter to Miss Patricia Carbine of Look Magazine dated February 22(?), 1970 is also acknowledged, the contents of which have been noted and the item duly filed.

In answer to your letter of April 12, 1970 nothing further can be said apart from that contained in my many previous letters. Relative to the telegram (night letter) sent from the Union Depot in Washington at 12:20 PM April 15, 1970 it is difficult to understand how such a simple instrument could become "garbled". It is reproduced overleaf from my carbon copy and as you can see it, quite clearly, reads:

"Have studied your works in copyright office request instructions for purchase of postmortem registry A 49555 and postmortem III registry A 52358 John Nichols"

The Western Union representative quite readily accepted my money and did not challenge its "clarity". The requested copy to ~~the~~ office thru the U. S. Mails has not yet arrived. I am writing Western Union in Washington about this (copy enclosed) and should appreciate you sending me your garbled copy so that I may copy and return to you.

In the copyright office I scanned in a cursory fashion your "Coup D'Etat" (A 53417, published Feb 26, 1969) and "Coup D'Etat III" (A 116522, published December 4, 1969) and decided that neither of these bear on my interests.

I also scanned, in a cursory fashion, your "Post Mortem: Suppressed Kennedy Autopsy" (A 49555, published January 20, 1969) and came to the conclusion that this is similar, if not identical, with the manuscript you sent to me in April 1968(?). If this is substantially the same as the unpublished manuscript, then, I do not want it. However, if this is materially different  
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I did not have time to read your "The Concept of Institution and the Ontology of History" (A 852439, published June 30, 1966). Could I have a copy of this to read and return? I should also like to have copies of any of your briefs on the Kennedy case after they have become public documents when you file them with a court.

Sincerely,

John Nichols

Enclosure:  
Letter to Western Union

(Nichols to Weisberg, April 20, 1970. Last of two pages)