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Dear Mrs. Nichols,

Your check was not enclosed with your letter of the 5th but herewith Post Mortem.

I'm glad to have the Policoff article. I'll read it when I can but probably not until after this is packaged. With almost 160 years between us we cannot let orders accumulate.

I call part of the headline to your attention, "...Killed the Conspiracy Theory."

Whether or not there was a conspiracy is a matter of fact, not of theory. If anyone talks about the JFK assassination in terms of a conspiracy theory only he is hardly a scholar and if not a subject-matter ignoramus, is not well informed about the fact of it.

That there was without question a conspiracy is a matter of fact and it <sup>was</sup> first proven in my first book, completed 2/15/65, limited edition published 8/17/85 and with a Postscript issued for general distribution 5/7/66. There is no need to theorize any conspiracy and the fact that almost all the books, articles, lectures and debates are on theories, none ever proven and all faulted in varying ways and degrees has become a national curse. It also misleads, deceives and confuses the people. I have nothing to do with conspiracy theories. They have been and remain a boon to errant government and miscreants in it.

You do not have a real expert on your panel. Policoff is the best informed of them. Rather knows what he read on the air and perhaps before the airings, Gavzer reported little or nothing about the JFK assassination, and I suppose Leonard's qualifications are those of a book reviewer whose reviews - I judge on the basis of one - were prejudiced. I hope you will not mind my saying it but while you may have and serve other purposes with this panel it is not really going to inform students. But on the other hand, you could not do much better -with a panel approach.

Two questions for Rather deal with CBS/TV suppressions. It suppressed the results of testing of shooting done for it by the White Laboratories because under much easier and improved conditions and better rifles nobody was able to duplicate the shooting attributed to the duffer Oswald. The improved conditions included a target twice life size so hit on it could have been <sup>or</sup> miss in reality. Howard Donahue came closest but he did not duplicate the actualities of the JFK assassination shooting in the official mythology. The second question is how can he justify CBS editing out of a Cronkite interview with LBJ LBJ's belief that there had been a conspiracy and, whether or not he so told Cronkite, he believed th CIA was involved in it.

Best person to ask about JFK <sup>F</sup> information on computers is Jim Lesar, of the Assassination Archives and <sup>Records</sup> Committee, 918 F St., NW, #510, Washington, D.C. 20004. They have some, I do not know how much.

Data Base sounds interesting but what you refer to is not related to the assassination but to the numerous theories. I'm sure it is useful for other research now beyond me.

If the Voice headline, justified by the article, said those media components killed the truth about the JFK assassination, that would have been useful. It is 100% right on their self-censorship. Thanks and best wishes, Harold <sup>W</sup> Leisberg *Harold*

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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Thank you for taking all that time on the telephone today. I wish I had talked to you earlier before I had to line up most of my guests for my NYU course.

But, I will do better next year.

In the meantime, I want to buy POSTMORTEM and include a check for \$12.50.

I have enclosed the Village Voice article by Jerry Policoff and Robert Hennelly that you wanted.

Dan Rather is going to be on a media panel I am having along with John Leonard, Bernard Gavzer of the AP, and Jerry Policoff. Can you think of any really tough questions to ask Rather, other than what Policoff is likely to ask based on the enclosed article?

I will stop by when I get a chance. My daughter is just starting teaching at William and Mary so I have occasion to travel south and will stop off sometime on the way. I will let you know in advance, of course.

What I wanted to ask you at the end of conversation and which I forgot is do you know anyone who has put the Kennedy assassination material on computer?

There is one outfit in Arlington, Va. which has a computer program I have bought which takes the indexes of books about spies (which includes a lot of Kennedy Assassination books) and puts them in the computer arranged by names, subjects (e.g. Bay of Pigs), and countries, in case you want to know who was in the CIA in Guatamala in 1955-60, say. I have found this quite useful in looking up names I am coming across in the Kennedy Assassination books to see in which other books they appear.

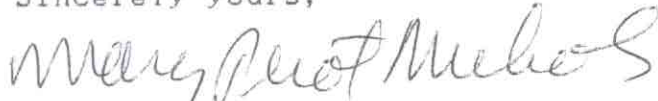
The program used to be called SPY BASE, but they found out that CIA people wanted to buy their program but didn't like the title, so it is now called NAME BASE. The program gives you the page numbers of books and the titles and authors and, for an extra fee, the group, called Public Information Research, will mail or fax the pages requested. Saves a lot of library plodding around.

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Public Information Research is located at Box 5199, Arlington, Va. 22205 (703-241-5437) The program is quite cheap and they sell regular updates.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Perot Nichols". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Mary Perot Nichols

Enc: (1) check for \$12.50 and (2) "How Time-Life, The New York Times, and CBS Killed the Conspiracy Theory," Village Voice, 3/31/92.