

Dear Mr. Ogilvie.

1/17/95

You are correct in what you say about the institutions being in danger when the people lack confidence in them and in the importance of honest, ethical administrators. With whom in recent years my contacts tell me they are not honest and ethical. And I believe that is politically imposed upon them. But we must all try.

It is also important for the people to be motivated and that begins with their being informed honestly.

Recent history tells us what happens when the effort is not made.

My health is precarious but I'm still productive and that is gratifying.

I regret it is not now possible for me to make any disks available. The future looks better. I should be hearing from two students retyping two different manuscripts when they get back from the break. The longest by far is being done by a dear friend a sociology professor and his wife. In the future Gerald McKnight, at <sup>College</sup> Hood, will know what is possible. Hood gets all my work, all I have, and he is a professor of history there.

I know nothing about such things. You can see the trouble I have just using a typewriter! Which needs ~~repair~~ repair I'm seeking locally after 29 years of the hardest use of it.

If the American Society of Public Administrators were to sponsor such a worthwhile study, how many do you think can get to where they can detect the frauds on both sides?

And would those will be able to survive an dishonest reexamination?

The deck is stacked.

We should all try as best we can but we should also have eyes opened to the realities.

good luck with your ~~the~~ theses.

Sincerely,



Harold Weisberg

Dear Mr. Weisberg,

9 January 1996

I received your letter last week with much surprise and delight. I half expected to receive a form letter from the executor of your estate. This expectation was generated by your descriptions of your medical conditions and advancing age. It pleases me to find you in better health than I had envisioned.

With regard to your comments about my thesis, my thesis will explore the roles of independent commissions and congressional subcommittees in seeking literal truths in a political environment. While unwilling, at this time, to say that it constitutes an oxymoron, I will gather the necessary supporting and opposing arguments to support my massaged thesis. At this time, it appears that both methods of investigating literal truths (judicial truths?) have failed when applied to the John F. Kennedy assassination.

I have learned in my role as a public administrator (I avoid the pejorative: bureaucrat wherever possible) in the New Hampshire Public Health Service and the Department of Energy Idaho Operations Office that politics and administration are irrevocably bound together as music to the instrument that plays it. However, it is the ethical public administrator that can make the system work for the people to whom we serve. Literal truths are dealt with daily as we attempt to reconcile our political mandates with our own visions or reality. I would like to see the American Society of Public Administrators quietly sponsor a reexamination of all the Warren Commission, House/Senate subcommittee materials, and their own resources to issue a revised Report which fully documents the John F. Kennedy assassination.

Our basic institutions are at risk if the people who are served by them look upon them with distrust and disdain. The only way I seek to recover from this moldering decay is to reverse the slide into dishonesty by our politicians and our political appointees who are their lapdogs. It is the ethical public administrators of all levels of government who know in which closets that the skeletons hide. Empower them and ready the political mortuary stocks rise.

Please find a check (\$56.95) for copies of PHOTOGRAPHIC WHITEWASH, WHITEWASH IV, POST MORTEM and OSWALD IN NEW ORLEANS. You make reference to four unpublished texts of which one has been retyped and the rest are in process. Are they available on computer diskette yet? Are they Macintosh, Windows or DOS based texts? Are copies for sale?

Thank you for your enormous efforts in this area. Don't let the professional sycophants for the Warren Report get you down and be wary of the sycophants on the other side as well.

With still some professional integrity as a public administrator intact,

Sincerely,

Clay Ogilvie

P.S. I hope to enter the John F. Kennedy School of Government to do my Ph.D. in Public Administration thesis at 45.