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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Got your letter this weekend. It was my pleasure to meet you in person. I enjoyed your lecture/open discussion with the Hood College students. Dr. McKnight's class seemed a bit awe struck by you and your command of President Kennedy assassination details. I was a bit amused by the level of naivete regarding some of the questions you fielded. Despite all the writing you have done it seems that your impact hasn't diminished the general public's ignorance regarding President Kennedy's execution in Dallas, TX.

Since I have last written you, I have taken your last response to my letter to heart: read and study the Warren Report Hearings volumes. I am up to Volume #7, today. My plans to get a PhD in Public Administration focusing on how the government investigates political crime has been delayed. The reasons are that my wife has experienced two miscarriages in the two years and we have gone through one aborted furlough and one aborted reduction-in-force at the Department of Energy Idaho Operations Office. Things are just not stable enough to venture back to school. This, however, doesn't diminish my desire to pursue the thesis informally.

With regard to computers and transcription of your manuscripts, Dr. McKnight threw down the challenge to the Hood College students the night I came to hear you speak. He suggested that you had 12 manuscripts which needed re-typing since your typescript was untidy (as evidenced in your letter to me). After thinking about it that evening at the National Emergency Training Center campus at Emmitsburg, I made the decision to stop by Dr. McKnight's office at Hood College on the way to the airport to inquire further about the seriousness of his challenge. He wasn't there so I left a note. The thrust of my note was:

1. If he was serious and was brokering the re-typing your manuscripts, what was the process that he wished to engage in to make it happen? Were your manuscripts to be parceled out chapter by chapter to ensure that the transcriber was kept honest? Or was a copy to be made in toto with the hope that the commitment was firm and the integrity of the transcriber was high.

*I still do not know the answer to these questions.*

2. The second question was what format was the transcribed text to be forwarded back to him/or you? Double-spaced typescript, single-sided pages, and one inch top/bottom and side margins?

*I still do not know from your letter.*

3. Was the manuscript to be delivered in hardcopy or on electronic diskette in a common word processor format (Microsoft Word or Corel's WordPerfect)

*You answered this question: hard copy, as to avoid software incompatibilities.*

4. From Dr. McKnight's forwarding of my note to you, it appears that he is not acting as your agent despite having hurled such a challenge to the assembled audience.

*Or is he?*

I am interested in supporting your work, as I believe your work has gone undiscovered amongst the rubbish that some consider to be research. I only hope that your work does not receive posthumous accolades. A life dedicated to attempting to awaken the American public from its somnambulant behavior should not go unrewarded. Having read all your Kennedy books published except the excerpts from Whitewash (probably duplicates work already read), I believe that your unrepentant style may be the reason why publishers even in the 1990's seem reluctant to publish your volumes. Nonetheless, it is the idealist that is often pushed to zealotry by the social forces which prefer harmony with the generally accepted versions of political truths to the discord of harsh reality.

I await your direction as to how I may serve you best. Send me a copy of anything you wish retyped and the appropriate formatting cues and I will endeavor to achieve a quick turn around time.

May this letter be received while you are in good health,

Respectfully,

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- P.S. I believe that the Internet is the last frontier that remains for the realist to retreat and share a message. A recent review of Kennedy Assassination Web sites on the Internet indicates that the American public is starved for real knowledge into President Kennedy's execution. One web site, Fair Play, is ranked as one of the top 5% of all Internet sites visited. The Internet reaches more people than any single publisher ever did and its accessible world-wide. I believe the American public has retreated to the Internet frontier seeking the unredacted truth. Too bad there is so little quality to support the freedom of expression and public dialogue. I can envision, in the not to distant future, the American public waking up and seeing a real investigation of the Kennedy execution being accomplished through the use of the Internet by groups of researchers publishing their findings on the Internet for universal scrutiny and challenge. Just imagine the Warren Commission apologists publishing on the Internet and being peer reviewed by the critics?

They would be quickly be scourged for their disinformation, misinformation and obfuscation campaigns. (Has Dr. McKnight talked to you about putting a page on the Internet to promote the sales of your books? I am sure the Hood College students are smart enough to make it happen for you.)