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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Got your letter this afternoon in what seems like record time given an intervening holiday. Generally my mail takes at least a six to ten days to arrive as determined by my posting of bills.

I appreciate the opportunity and trust that you have conferred upon me. I have read your published works and am familiar with your anecdotes involving dishonest people. I will attempt to provide you with the highest level of quality service in this retyping endeavor.

I understand the following formatting codes are to be used in the retyping:

One inch margins (left, right, top and bottom);

Double spacing of regular text;

Single spacing for double indented quotes that are set aside by five spaces top and bottom of the preceding and succeeding text;

And return the finished manuscript to you as a single sided typed sheets.

I also understand that you will send the manuscript (as a copy) in its entirety and the finished product should be returned the same way: in its entirety.

With regard to the use of the Internet, I can envision that a framework could be developed as to aid assassination researchers to share information via the Internet. This

methodology would simulate the many annual conventions where researchers share their findings with other researchers in a peer review climate. I can not conceive, at this time, even a small quantity of the released Kennedy assassination documentation ever being electronically available. However, an electronic information/leads sharing capability would be extremely useful for diligent researchers beside providing systems analysts-types to integrate information fields and lead inevitably to working hypotheses of the truth.

I have a son and a few younger colleagues who are more interested in the Oklahoma bombing than in Kennedy assassination history and it concerns me. I am especially concerned that authors like Gerald Posner will continue to influence young people into believing the Warren Commission's explanation of events. It appears that the old adage: it is the victors who write history.

With regard to an Internet homepage, it took me many years of hunting used bookstores to find copies of White wash I and II (Dell editions) by accident. With the number of "hits" on the Kennedy Assassination homepages, it is quite clear that, if nothing else, that there is a thirst for knowledge of your work. Putting them on a Hood College homepage, whether for sale or academic research, would be an appropriate thing to do. Knowledge has always been the first weapon of choice confiscated by tyrants. By publishing on the Internet, the whole publishing industry can be circumvented and the your message can be send around the world with little intervention. The record of what occurred in Dallas on November 22, 1963 can be corrected. Eventually the truth must be known, whether anybody will care when it is finally described is up for question as long as history is written by the collaborators in the conspiracy to suppress the truth.

You wrote of manuscripts on disk. After I have demonstrated my integrity I would enjoy reading some of your unpublished manuscripts. Perhaps I could convince you to publish them on the Internet. Some software writers publish their works on the Internet for downloading and ask readers of the downloaded materials to "register" their receipt of the software with a nominal deposit to cover expenses of the writer. I can conceive of you doing the same for your works, thus, deriving benefit of dispersing your works and deriving additional nominal income to boot. You would be surprised how fast your works would be disseminated if you gave permission for their publication on the internet.

I look forward to you draft manuscript for retyping and for continuing this dialogue.

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P.S. Enclosed is the letter you sent to me retyped to confirm that I understood your directions of how you wanted your manuscript retyped.. CO

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11/25/97

Dear Clayton,

I'm sorry my hasty letter left so many questions. First a general explanation.

Almost all of my recent work has been on the general topic of the subject and title of a lengthy manuscript that grew topsy-like, Inside the JFK Assassination Industry. It examines both sides, mostly the so-called critic side. I have been making this work available to a number in academe. The means by which, until now, I have done that, is to give them computer disks they can print out. One turned out to be a problem when a program that is offbeat was used. More recently, when I had nobody to do the retyping, I've sent a few Xeroxes of the rough draft that others will copy if they want it and then pass on.

We have been using double-spacing, with one inch margins on both sides. and some quotations are indented an additional five spaces and single-spaced. The one who does the retyping provides me with a single printout and I read it along with the original or rough draft which, as you have seen, is sometimes hard to make out and I make corrections. I've then been sending the copy with corrections back for the corrections to be made. It is after they are made that the disks are duplicated and I distribute them.

Before I heard from you after writing you Professor Dave Wrone, who has and had read the manuscript and has a familiarity with it, offered to retype the epilogue I suggested to you. He has begun that.

I have a manuscript that has a sorry history and it should be retyped. Someone who said he is a former newspaper reporter offered to retype it and I sent it to him. As usual, I keep a copy so I can answer questions and in the event something happens to the original. When I heard nothing from that man after a long time I wrote him. He told me he had returned both the printout and the rough draft quite some time earlier. I asked him to ask his post office to put a tracer on it and I've not heard from him, What makes that one seem strange is that he had a bound copy of the rough draft that that he had made and placed in a binder. He would do that with the rough and not with the retyped copy? Anyway, I can send you that and, it would be helpful if that were retyped.

What McKnight was saying is that I have at least a dozen manuscript completed. Most of them have been retyped. Some, including the ones mentioned above, have not been.

The only ones I've given out; chapter by chapter were those done locally. Then sometimes I did. I work on the assumption that everyone is trustworthy. What I've I've done is what was more convenient when it was done. Now it would be the complete manuscript; because all I've been working on are complete except one I've just begun. I'll have to check, which is not as easy for me as it is for most people, but I think in all there are three that have not been retyped, plus an epilogue or two. And I think I'll have another of them soon. Hope to any way. An epilogue.

McKnight was only trying to let it be known that there was that work for anyone wanting work. All I have will become Hood's' property so there is that some what different situation. Some little is already there. Relatively little. He gave me your note so I could reply.

I do not believe that a real assassination investigation by Internet is possible and I have not heard of anything being put on it by anyone who had a real understanding of the available information that is at all dependable. Wish I could feel otherwise.

I do nothing to promote the sale of the books we have because if I have them and serious scholars want them I can provide them. I can now provide two by Xerox only. The remaining supply is not great, there is no chance of any reprinting, so I want them to be available if and when needed. They are the basic works and alone are the source of that information. They also do not mislead with baseless theorizing.

I am pretty sure I have another copy of the manuscript I'll send. I want to compare the two so I can send you the more legible one. I think the one in some file, not the bound one, is more likely to be clearer. However, there will be a short delay. It is now 6 a.m. and in about an hour we will be driven to Johns Hopkins in Baltimore. Lil, my wife, has one consultation, I have two. The trip alone usually tires me so the search may be a bit much tomorrow but as soon as I am up to it I'll find that other copy and send you the one less difficult to make out.

Hope I've not failed to answer all your questions. And thanks for the good wishes.

Sincerely,

/s/

My purpose has been to try to perfect the record for our history to the degree now possible for me.

To leave the record for the possible use of others in the future.
