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Dear Professor Wrone:

I have been writing to a friend of yours, Harold Weisberg, and have been retyping his manuscripts. I have retyped three manuscripts so far, over the last six months. He gave me your address and encouraged me to contact you. I am writing you for three reasons. The first reason is to understand if your books, The Legal Proceedings of Harold Weisberg vs. General Services Administration Civil Action 2052-73 Together with the January 22 & 27 Warren Commission Transcripts, The Assassination of John Fitzgerald Kennedy: An Annotated Bibliography, Two Assassinations: Abraham Lincoln and John F. Kennedy, and The Assassination of J. F. Kennedy — A Comprehensive Historical and Bibliography 1963-1979 are still available for sale.

The second reason is to ask if you have copies of Harold’s Travesty and Tragedy, Honorable Men, or Inside the JFK Assassination Industry, manuscripts on diskette or in hard copy? I would be interested in reading them. Harold indicated that you and Professor McKnight would likely have copies. I have copies on diskette or can make hard copies of Harold’s critique of Bonar Menninger’s Fatal Error, (titled: Lousiest Book), Walt Brown’s Treachery in Dallas, (titled: False Scholars, False Scholarship), and Sy Hersh’s Dark Side of Camelot (titled: Hersh-it Journalism) to share if you haven’t a copy yet. Harold has encouraged me to share with serious scholars. Obviously, you are a serious scholar.

My third reason for writing is to offer my assistance in helping in the retyping of Harold’s Posner manuscript. When I spoke to him on Saturday, he indicated that he had sent you some nine or more chapters and more were on the way as soon as he completed his editing. All I would need to know is what your word processing program is (WordPerfect/Corel, Microsoft
Word, etc.) so that the two projects would be compatible when combined. My turn around time for Harold's last 350 page manuscript was about two and a half weeks from receipt to return mailing. My arrangement with Harold has been that I pay all return postage and packaging costs and I get to read his manuscripts before publication. In addition, I return all original materials used to generate a retyped copy of the manuscript and include a fresh clean copy for Harold's editing. You could expect that I would expect to do the same for you. If you had an E-mail address I could send back data files containing the retyped material even faster. That way we would not be held hostage to the U.S. Postal system.

What follows is a mini-bio of myself. I am a public administrator with the Department of Energy doing emergency management program administration for the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory in/or about Idaho Falls (really Scoville, ID which is a railroad siding). I have a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of New Hampshire. I was intending to pursue a PhD. in Public Administration while taking a sabbatical from DOE-ID but work has gotten a little unstable lately with budget reductions, reductions-in-force, and the potential for DOE being merged/reduced from cabinet rank/dismantled. My potential thesis would have centered on how politics affect the investigation of political crimes. I chose the JFK assassination because the JFK assassination was examined by an independent commission, a Louisiana District Attorney and a House Committee. There is enough data out there regarding political pressures and interests to make a significant contribution to our social history. Alas, the PhD. goal has been postponed but my accumulation of materials continues until such time that the PhD. option opens up again at some point in the future.

Hope to hear from you soon.

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