

Dear John,

11/12/94

I appreciate your letter and your offers. If you were nearby I sure could <sup>let</sup> <sup>me</sup> sue some editing, as you can see from the typing alone. I must keep my legs up and the machine thus is to the side. Can't use any modern one or any computer. Tried. Other problems ~~blame~~ also contribute, and when I read and correct, I confabulate.

What I need is a publisher and there is little likelihood of my finding one. If you can get me an address for Riebling, whose review I'd been sent, <sup>despite</sup> Random House's ownership of Knopf, I'd like to write him about what he <sup>said</sup> in his review and see if he can get interested.

I hope you can understand that while I want to inform those who ask me questions as much as I can each time I do that it reduces what I can leave as a factual ~~ex~~ record for our history.

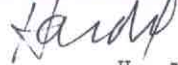
And <sup>despite</sup> my age and the health limitations, I am still productive. I'm working on three books right now, two mostly drafted and being locally retyped. And there is much more I want to do with I fear not much time.

No matter how much I've <sup>as</sup> ~~agreed~~ with them I have not once initiated any criticism of any of those most of whom I regard as nuts. Most of the time I ignore what they say about me. Sometime I cannot avoid it or it will be misunderstood. Most of what has been ~~was~~ written about me ranges from distorted to outright falsehood and there is nothing I can do after it is published anyway.

I read when I rest and I'm responding before returning to work, as soon as the mail came. I'll make the package when my wife has done all else. I do look forward to what Tony Summers is up to now. I'll probably get to that when I wake up, when I have to take it real easy for a while before getting to work.

There may from time to time be something I'd like to get in New York, thanks. And I will appreciate any clippings. I keep them all for archival purposes.

Thanks and best wishes,



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11/10/94

Dear Mr. Weisberg,

It was a pleasure and an honor to make your acquaintance by phone. Please find enclosed a check in the amount of \$42.50 for the following items:

Whitewash I	27.50
" II	7.50
" IV	7.50
tot	\$42.50

Also, I've enclosed several copies of news items, along with Anthony Summers' piece in Vanity Fair. I've included the pieces about "Radiation Shocker" & "Keeping The Secrets..." mainly to point out my contention that nobody really gives a shit? The fact that the "radiation" piece is so small & relegated to page 33 speaks volumes about our sense of priorities. And the "secrets" piece is wonderfully blasé, and quite oblivious to the ramifications of the assassination.

I have so many questions to ask you, but I won't ask them if it means taking you from your work. I'm still working on a real "letter" to you, which if I don't finish soon will be longer than Post-Mortem.



More than anything I wish to be of some service to the research community. I've been very leery of becoming actively involved because of the bitterness and rancor that permeates the field. I don't like it. I will not stand for it. Who am I? I am a citizen of the United States, and I feel, very deeply, that (as you've pointed out several hundred times) the truth is unknown because it has never been sought out. I demand, as a right, to be privy to what my government does and says.

My philosophy is simple: all people of conscience are (or should be), united by a common desire, the need for truth. Here we sit, 31 years after the assassination, still clueless (or close to it) about what really happened, and we spend most of our time berating each other's "theories." I am disgusted and heartbroken.

Anyway, I'd like to offer you whatever puny service I can. If you need some legwork done that needs to be done in N.Y.C., I'm volunteering to do it. If you want copies of articles & stuff, I will happily provide you with what you need. I've had experience as a copy-editor & proofreader, so if there is a manuscript (or part of one) or an article

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that you would like perused, I'd be happy to do it. I've included my home phone number for you, in case you ever need it. I don't mind you contacting me, even if it's only to talk. (I screen my calls, so if the machine comes on please say something - if I'm home I'll call you right back. If I don't pick up, tell me how long or when it's OK for me to return your call)

I realize that the physical distance between us probably renders my offer useless - but it can't hurt to ask me.

I won't pretend I'm a person of means - in fact I'm currently holding down 2 jobs, which have nothing to do with acting. (In Show-Biz we refer to such work as "Survival" jobs). Thus, there are some things I may not be able to do for you simply due to lack of time and means. But again, it doesn't hurt to ask.

Thanks for giving me the time of day, but most of all, thank-you and your wife for the heroic efforts of the past 30 yrs.

Sincerely  
John Petrella