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Dear Mr. Pierce,

Sent the books to Ronald Marsh yesterday.

I disagree with you about Thompson. He does more than you say. He gives the Commission a cop-out formula, if you examine him carefully. His is almost 100% plagiarism. The only things he has added are unteasable conjecture and knowing error. This cannot be accidental. He makes the grossest misrepresentations. He has gone further, and defended the investigators against the obvious evidence I have mustered, and done this on radio and TV.

His charts are, indeed, attractive. But are they accurate? His pretended physics, I am told by experts, is fiction.

It would be inappropriate for me to initiate a contact with Jack McKinley because he has not in any way answered the long letter I sent him after the show he did with Thompson. He obviously has a personal feeling there. He knows more about the subject than most media people but not enough. This, added to his friendship for Thompson, makes an embarrassment for me in initiating further contact. Thompson is basically seeking to get the government off the hook. I was trying to be gentle with Northwestern Thompson, because he was in a difficult position, being ill prepared for the task he had undertaken, perhaps at the request of friends.

I made several efforts with the Suskind office when I was in New York. They fear the subject. Ditto Educational TV, over a period of several years. No response, even when they early contact me.

Many thanks.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg.

P.S. My mother still lives near the school

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Dear Mr. Harold Weisberg,

Please forward me one copy of the following books, Whitewash I, Whitewash II, Photographic Whitewash and Oswald in New Orleans. Please bill Springer Jr. High School, c/o Mr. Ronald Marsh.

If possible could I have the books in the next week? As a teacher I have been interested in the assassination and have started an "Assassination Research" Club for interested students.

Recently finished Josiah Thompson's Six Seconds in Dallas. Agreed, he gives the Commission etc, an out for their poor work, while demolishing their case. His charts and maps (I'm a geographer) are well done and I imagine since he got hold of the Moorman, Hughes etc film(slides), his book will sell. Although I just read a horrible book review of his book and Meagher's ^{Book} in the N.Y. Times Book Review Section by Fred Graham?

Haven't heard ~~from~~ Senator Ralph Yarborough. Recently sent long letters to David Susskind and Edward P. Morgan stressing the need to reopen the dialogue, however no word yet. Will send copy if receive one. Asked for personal opinion as well as station's policy regarding this controversy. (COPY ENCLOSED)

One of Jack McKinney's listeners sent him a tape of your debate in Chicago with a Prof. Thompson of Northwestern. He is thinking of trying to set up a debate with above and Josiah Thompson. Why not contact him and see if you can get in on the discussion, a three way type of talk?

Sincerely,

Greg Pierce

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Mr. David Susskind, Moderator
The David Susskind Show
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Dear Mr. Susskind:

I would like to congratulate you and Channel 12 for your interesting and informative programming format. Many issues which normally are not covered in any meaningful manner on TV are well presented on your program. Thank you, again.

One issue that has "bothered me", to say the least, for the last three years and in my way of thinking has been "whitewashed" (ala Harold Weisberg) is the obvious evasion of the truth concerning that tragic day in November, 1963. The "Establishment" has definitely used an anti-democratic procedure in dealing with this issue by failing to meet truthfully the criticism of the responsible critics of the Warren Commission Report. Evasion of issues and indifference to conflicts of information have made a farce of our democratic belief that issues must be openly examined and debated, not ignored and evaded.

The mass media (TV, newspapers, most magazines) have gone out of their way to build a false case against District Attorney, Jim Garrison and against most of the responsible critics, such as Harold Weisberg, Mark Lane, Lee Sauvage, Penn Jones, Vincent Salandria and Jesiah Thompson. Little criticism of Jesiah Thompson's "Six Seconds in Dallas" probably has resulted because although he demolished the basis of the Commission Report, he is a strong apologist for the FBI, Secret Service, and Commission activities. "Nice guys who were just unable to handle the task" type of defense.

Your program could serve this Nation by offering the people alternatives to the "objective" investigation of the assassination--the Warren Commission Report. If national security is the reason for this inaccurate analysis, and the mass media's failure to critically analyze this Report, then a "1984" is here now! Your program (which shows courage on many issues) nevertheless presently is a partner in perpetuating this myth and its implication to our way of life. Up to now you have failed to handle this issue. Let's hope you will face this issue and present it fairly.

Our Nation's first act in our War on Crime that everyone talks about must be to determine and bring to trial the many people involved in the shooting of our President on November 22, 1963. Your program could help to bring this about.

I would be interested in hearing from you regarding your views and the network's policy regarding this major issue.

Sincerely,

Gregory T. Pierce