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Dear Mr. Price,

As usual, your letter of the tenth is full of good advice. It is a real problem, fighting a shadow. On the other side, it requires responsibility not to make goats out of one or two and divert attention for others warranting attention. You may, depending on the editing, still find some of the drama - in the form of Cohenburgers! Indications are that your predictions will be correct, from what the decent people at the station told me last week. They say the show is mine, that I ~~may~~ emerge as the authority on the subject, that my uncompromising integrity (these are not my words) is clear, and that their top executives said I could have done the whole thing alone. That makes me feel very good. I am anxious for it to be aired and only wish it could be sooner to overcome some of the difficulties - from having no publisher, not pr and advertising budget, and from the extra problem of no dough. I had to turn down an appearance on tomorrow night's Barry Gray show with Cong Kupferman, Sauvage, Epstein and a lawyer named ~~Proder~~ because I'd not have been able to drive up and they would not pay plane fare. They'll be interested when I'm next in NYC and I'll try and let them know in advance when that will be. Tomorrow I have a series of gall-bladder tests (had some kind of strange spell on the way to NY last Thursday) that I didn't feel I should postpone, nor did I feel I should risk another such thing on a superhighway. I could make the show by flying only. But, there is always tomorrow.

You are right, though, I think I'll make it a practise to ask that there be some representative of the other side. If they do not show, at least the record will be clear on that point.

I'd like to be wrong, but I think Kupferman's thing is a <sup>B</sup>anter public-relations pitch. He did not ask that the rightness of the Report be looked into. Only whether people were satisfied with it, a rather odd conceit. I have written him asking that if he does not have serious intentions he stop now before more harm is done but offering unqualified help if he has serious. I was to Manny Celler's office in early May and could not get through to him. I got a less than enthusiastic reception from his legislative assistant, and the Member of the Judiciary Committee who read my book in ms about 16 mos ago and was going to speak to Celler apparently has changed his mind. My recent letters have elicited warm but nonresponsive answers. I have also been to the Senate Judiciary Committee, with like consequences. I think LBJ's personal attendance at Mrs. Celler's funeral and the presumption criticism of the Commission is ipso facto anti-administration will deter him. I think the opposite is really true, that the narrow interests of the administration require a close and public airing. I'm told that Ramparts will be out the 20th with a special edition largely on the strange deaths (and Penn Jones, Jr., a really courageous Texas weekly editor, who has specialized in this and for whom I have respect and fondness) and will quote LJB as saying he has an assistant keeping track of what is written and that "Earl Warren is in trouble".

Can you think of any way in which your idea can be broached to Celler without frightening a few of his remaining years away? I like it but doubt if he will.

I do not have very much on Ruby in the sequel but what I have sizzles. I tried to keep right down the middle, tried to hold my emotion in until the Epilogue, which B

subtitle "A Personal Statement", and it is personal. It is also forceful, forthright and will be unpleasant to many people; It is in no sense spite but it is an expression of some of my shock, indignation and disgust. I'd rather you read it than get it piecemeal. There is one place where, to a degree, I depart from this rather cool approach, and that is in addressing myself to two of the Commission's assistant counsel either of whom, by the display of the simple integrity and requirements of his profession could have prevented the whitewash and both of whom loaned themselves to it, as I document from the record, with proof of the consequences. In one case I prove the man is a liar, a redundant liar, a not accidental liar, all from the official record as compared with his recent public statements, then I call him a liar and dare him to sue. I didn't want to do this, almost didn't, but decided that it was no time to pull punches, that it was really required of both me and my integrity.

I hope I am getting a picture of Ruby with deMohrenschildt that supposedly exists in Europe, taken at the approximate time of the assassination, and am on the trail of other photos than Willis's with Ruby near the Depository Bldg. I do not believe the man one alleges is Ruby really is, but there are clues I get from California indicating other evidences of it.

You are right about the title WHITEWASH II. I have switched back to that, for others agree. The subtitle is ticklish. You have what I want to say, but it will have to be shorter. A major publisher has asked for first refusal and is reading it. He may have some ideas. It runs close to 500 pages and I have no Xeroxing facilities or I'd do one for you. I have too few copies. As soon as I can arrange for a professional reading my wife will begin retyping it, and perhaps the situation will be better then. If I could afford something like HCR paper, that would give me copies, with a few problems. I want to retype it single spaced, on legal paper, for offset reproduction, not because I want a private printing but because I shall not go through with this book what I did with the first and because I think the content must not wait. This entire thing must be kept responsible and must not be diverted into a witch-hunt or further diversions. The problem is the cost of the paper and the possible additional problems in making corrections. It is not available here except on special order, which requires much larger quantities than the 500 or less sheets we'd need, and too much time. Paper is your business. Can you recommend something not as time consuming as the making of additional copies as my wife puts the paper in her typewriter. We are only two people and are already too busy. There just is no time.

I would very much like to be able to talk to your attorneys, and I'd like it to be soon. I'd also like them to read the book, for while I think it is not at all libelous and certainly intend none, I'd like a professional opinion. Here again an extra copy would be valuable. Several are being made for me in NYC but they are committed for essential purposes I'll explain when we meet. There are also some careless people with a good command of the field and not likely to engage in further plagiarism who I'd like to read it. There is always the chance of accidental error or lack of clarity with such an involved subject in which I am so deeply immersed. And I will eventually have some remarkable documents for your archive if we do not have a separate one for this work, as you will see when you read this book. Joel Steinberg's \$20.00 contribution will pay much of the expense of some photographic work I had done that I think will interest you.

After tomorrow's medical appointment I may know more and will write to see if and when you and your attorneys can see me. Perhaps we can arrange for the Barry Gray show then, too. I do appreciate the time you take from a busy day for your good advice. I heard today that my tape of the Burke show will soon be returned and I'll lend that to you then. I've been supposed to get those from WCAU but haven't. That station, especially Jack McKinney, has done a wonderful job, and a fair one. I've had much and favorable mail from my appearances there. They have aired one appearance three times, making 12 hours, twice by tape. I got almost as good a reaction the last time as the first!

Again, thank you very much.



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MILL: COATESVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. Harold Weisberg  
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Again I have missed you yesterday while you were in New York and I did not come into town at all. I was very anxious to talk with you so here is the most important comment I was saving:

The three hour program in which you participated for Channel 5 on November 12th should be the high spot on the whole Warren Report explosion to date. I am sure that if the producer staged it properly you will stand out above Lane, Sauvage, Penn Jones, Cohen and Bishop. However the failure to present the other side of the picture is a sad lack of drama. If no member of the Commission agreed to participate, the President of the American Bar Association who was appointed for the "defense" should have been forced to participate. Failing that, anyone from the American Bar Association could have taken his place.

Believe you would profit greatly by demanding that both sides of the picture be presented at all times. Even if you are the only major critic of the Warren Report and Commission, believe it would be most wise to insist that all criticism be answered and then invite rebuttal by both sides.

Too bad that Congressman Kupferman did not identify you in particular when he introduced his resolution. It will probably die in the Committee unless it is forced out. Why not appeal to Chairman Manny Celler directly? He loves the limelight. Why not suggest that he appear with you on a program and then dress up the idea and sell it to Channel 5 as a forerunner or as a result of their November 12th program?

The progress of your book is excellent and the sequel should score well.

Of course we received the bibliography and have it cataloged along with the many fine items in our Kennedy collection.

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The new trial of Ruby and its removal from Dallas will tear the whole picture wide open with the many prejudices and errors gaining the spotlight. Your sequel should deal in great detail, as far as you/subject will permit, with Ruby.


"Kennedy Wake" has a somber and perhaps misleading tone. The name "Whitewash" should be part of your new title. What is needed is something that says "WHITEWASH II - And Those Responsible/For Omissions, Distortions and Errors." Would like to have our attorneys sit in with us whenever you are available. Do try to give me at least a day's notice to arrange it.

With best wishes,

Cordially,

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