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10/15/90

Dear Mr. Reese,

Thank you very much for your kind comments. I do appreciate them, very much.

The Ricky White story is a combination of fabrication and plagiarism. You noted the theft from McDonald's fakery. He also cribbed from a novel, Promises to Keep, and from Popkin's The Second Oswald.

Roscoe White worked for the police as a photographer. He stole wholesale, with the single exception of the third picture to surface of Oswald with the rifle, the rest was prints of what went to the Warren Commission. The list of them is three pages long. He was not alone in getting prints from the lax police.

The Garrison conjecture of government involvement in the JFK assassination does not originate with him and it is not unreasonable. The problem is there is not a bit of proof. Moreover, any assassination of any president can have that effect, of a coup d'etat. However, as these beliefs are expressed they can have the effect of undermining the credibility of all criticism of the official investigations of that crime.

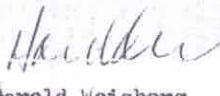
This is one effect of the Ricky White story, and of his mother's, which was latzer, as you may know. Both are entirely untenable and from what we do know beyond question both are false.

I've kept all the book available except Oswald in New Orleans, which I did not publish. Whitewash is available as a quality, actual-size xerox. I enclose our price list.

You asked what I think of the Ricky White story. He may not be the one who made it up but it was made up, with the intent of commercializing the assassination and the fact that after it his father became a Dallas policeman. He got \$100,000 plus a salary for a 25% interest in whatever he got for it. Last I heard Oliver Stone was considering a documentary based on it.

With regard to your story about what the retired FBI agent said, I think you would have difficulty getting any different response from any of them.

Thanks and best wishes,


Harold Weisberg

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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

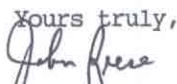
First of all, I would like to thank you for all your years of tireless effort in trying to get to the truth in the JFK assassination. We would only know a fraction of what we do today were it not for your many Freedom of Information suits. I have spent much of the last year re-examining for myself the vast amount of information on the assassination and its aftermath. Your WHITEWASH series has been most helpful.

I saw your appearance on "Inside Edition" at the height of the Ricky White publicity burst. What do you make of this story? I find it interesting that Roscoe White gave his wife a third version of the Oswald rifle photos "because one day it will be very valuable". I find it also bizarre that the assassin "Saul" was used by Hugh McDonald in his preposterous book "Appointment In Dallas". This assassin was also firing from the County Records Building.

Are any of your works currently available? I am mainly interested in POST MORTEM, PHOTOGRAPHIC WHITEWASH, and OSWALD IN NEW ORLEANS. I would appreciate any information you might have on these titles.

I think Jim Garrison and others are correct in their assertions of government involvement in carrying out this overthrow of the government. It is pretty obvious that the Justice Dept is never going to lift a finger to follow up any investigation. I recently met a retired FBI agent who investigated Ruby out of the Chicago office. "If it's the official version, that's what happened" he kept repeating during our rapidly heating "discussion".

Again, I thank you for all of your efforts and thank you for your time.

Yours truly,

John Reese