

May 29, 1968

Honorable Richard B. Russell
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Russell:

When I published the first and the first of my four published books on the work of the Warren Commission, I sent you a copy, wrote you a letter, and you did not respond.

Since then I have continued my work at an exhausting pace and as meticulously as possible. I believe that I can honestly say I know as much about the Commission's work as anyone, including its members and staff. You may or may not agree with my doctrine, and you may or may not agree with my belief that the Commission utterly failed to meet its responsibilities. I am content to await history's definitive answers.

Since I completed the manuscript of my second book in the summer of 1966, I have no reason to alter one of its conclusions, that the members of the Commission were sponged a predigested pabulum.

Particularly as it relates to you, I now go farther. On the basis of confidence, I will talk and give you the proof of the withholding from the record of certain things you in your own interest included in it. I think this altered record, at least historically, will hurt you.

With the understanding that neither of us will make or permit public reference without the agreement of the other, I am prepared to put the proof of this in your hand at a mutually agreeable time.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg