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Dear Gary:

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me today. It is a thrill to speak to an old time, let the chips fall where they may reporter.

I have been interested in the excesses of the CIA and FBI for many years. You know, \$30 billion a year for intelligence work- not including the FBI- is a lot of money. At least to me.

A few years ago, I was fortunate to befriend Harold Weisberg. I have done some work at UK in the archives of Sen. John Sherman Cooper, a friend of my parents and a hero of mine. Perhaps my only Republican hero except for Teddy Roosevelt and Lincoln. Thanks to Harold, it looks like we will be able to add 100 pages of Sen. Cooper's work to the UK archives, because of Harold's letters to the Assassination Records Review Board. Lee Rankin, counsel to the Warren Commission, died last year and his family is giving his papers to the ARRB.

Harold Weisberg is the true expert on the murders of President Kennedy and Dr. King. He actually worked for James Earl Ray trying to get him a trial about 20 years ago. His "Whitewash" series is the best work done on the JFK murder. "Frameup", reissued as "Martin Luther King-The Assassination" is the only accurate book on King's murder.

Weisberg has had his own problems with the popular press. His first two books were issued in paperback, and never were really properly reviewed. Yet some great reporters, such as George Lardner, recognize his importance.

Harold was once in the OSS. He was a Senate investigator, and a reporter. His research has stood the test of time. I recently published a book of his, "Waketh the Watchman", for research work. His second epilogue mentions you and your work criticizing the CIA. I think Harold is impressed with your work. I know I am.

In a field full of know nothings, Harold's work is the basis of most criticism of the Warren Report. He has been in several documentaries and was on "Unsolved Mysteries" segment concerning Dr. King's murder.

I include a copy of the excellent documentary, "Reasonable Doubt". This is the only totally accurate documentary on the murder of President Kennedy. Made by Chip Selby, it features Weisberg and David Wrone, the leading academic on the political murders of the 1960's.

The FBI memo I send you is, I believe, one that Weisberg got through the Freedom of Information Act. He has sued the Federal government over a dozen times to get records released on both JFK and Dr. King. In many ways, he is the father of the modern Freedom of Info. Act.

The first three pages of the memo, dated 4-4-67, relates to the FBI and Jack Anderson. It details the Jim Garrison story, which is mostly wrong. However, on page three, Marvin Watson, a top aide to Lyndon Johnson, tells that LBJ thought Kennedy was killed in a plot, and that the CIA was involved. The FBI rather politely refuses to investigate.

I think this is a fascinating memo. I even submitted a story to the National Enquirer, which has shown an open mind over the years about the murder of JFK. However, they showed no interest.

My motivation in sending this to you is twofold. One, I would like to get some publicity for Weisberg and his books, especially "Selections from Whitewash" and "Never Again!". As far as I know, my article I include is the only review of these two books.

Also, I admire your work, and I have followed some of the controversy involving it. I was impressed by your appearance on the Tom Snyder show, when I should be in bed.

Harold Weisberg lives in Frederick, Maryland. 7627 Old Receiver Rd. 21702. Phone 1-301-473-8186. He is 84 years old and goes to bed about 5pm. He is sharp as a tack, and knows who you are by your work. I am sure he would be glad to speak to you. Prof. David Wrone is at the U. of Wisconsin at Stevens Point. He lives in Stevens Point. Prof. Jerry McKnight is also a subject matter expert on King and JFK. He teaches at Hood College in Frederick, where he also lives. Hood awarded Harold and Lil Weisberg honorary degrees. His papers will be given to Hood.

Does this mean the CIA, as an agency, approved the murder of JFK? No, of course not. Could the CIA have been somehow involved? Perhaps. Lee Harvey Oswald had non-commercial help getting to the Soviet Union, and he and Marina stayed in a government safe house for a couple of days returning to the US. Oswald learned Russian under odd circumstances, and his only legal problem upon returning to the US was a downgrading of his honorable discharge.

It appears to me that Oswald was set up to take the fall, and that it is possible that he was set up by someone with intelligence connections. Oswald had a cryptoclearance in the Marines.

The Warren Commission was not unanimous. Sen. Richard Russell never agreed that Oswald, acting alone, killed Pres. Kennedy. Russell, Sen. Cooper, and Rep. Hale Boggs, did not agree with the single magic bullet theory

Harold Weisberg knows as much about the CIA as anyone around, especially what has been published. He is a remarkable gentleman, and if you have any interest in writing an article about this memo and Weisberg, he would be glad to speak to you.

Gary, if I can be of any help, give me a call . Home 502-423-9443.

I think this memo is one the American public deserves to be shown. Lyndon Johnson expressed his opinion that JFK was killed in a plot on numerous occasions, including once to Walter Cronkite. But that was later edited out, on LBJ's insistence.

I am sorry that you seem to have some career troubles due to your CIA reporting, but that is to be expected. It is not popular in this country to challenge the establishment, even if all you write is true. My good friend Mike York and a fellow named Marx, won the Pulitzer reporting on the corruption in the UK basketball program. They were almost run out of town on a rail, and Marx I believe received death threats! And that was just basketball, not CIA. It was ironic that you used to work in this area on the Kentucky Post. A good paper.

Anyway, I hope you find this interesting and perhaps material for a story. I figure it must be pretty hot if the Enquirer won't touch it. But as you say, it has no celebrity sex angle! Now if it involved some girl JFK might have had a date with, it would be printed at once.

In spite of all the fakers writing in this field, I have total faith in Weisberg and Wrone. They are two of the most intelligent people I have ever met, and two of the nicest. Both know each other very well, good friends, and it is a privilege for me to know them.

Good luck, and be sure that many, many people believe in you and your work. I like guys with guts, and that is certainly one thing you and Harold have in common.

Sincerely,

Bill Neichter