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Dear Mr. Sauer,

Your letter and offer of 3/30 interest me much. Sorry my response must be brief.

The second Bandy show was heavily edited. I didn't see it and I have not yet received sound tapes, so I know only what those is the audience have told me.

I do remember Murphy's call. He was to have come to see me when he returned to NY, but I never heard from him again and I hear he soon left WBAI. He never told me why he called or, if he did, I don't remember.

You refer to only two of my books. You may have all. I include a list if you do not. The new one I also have, if your bookstore doesn't.

Your research describes a book I began in 1965, while I was trying to get WHITEWASH published. I call it TIGER TO RIDE. My research then was quite extensive, but I've not been able to look at it in the intervening years. My recall may be imperfect. There are several parts you may have drawn together where I have not that could be quite helpful when I can return to this writing. One or two thing you mention I do not recall from my research. What you say of JFK's changes in policy are correct, and I have made recent reference to them in some of my appearances. I have a taped interview with one of his generals on this, confirming and detailing what I already knew, that he had ordered the withdrawal of an initial 10% of the "advisers".

I had assumed that the various advisers knew this, for it appeared in the papers. But if you have evidence that they knew by other means, this would be very interesting.

I do not have the Times stories you report, on the virtual military-CIA revolt. Here what is most interesting is the quote, that a month before the assassination, "the CIA was reported as the source of a possible coup against the Kennedy government."

Although with a book just out my plans are necessarily indefinite, as of now almost any time you could come down would be fine. You'd take the Varazano Bridge to the Jersey Turnpike, stay on that into Delaware, where you pick up Interstate 95, the JFK Turnpike, stay on it to the Baltimore Beltway, taking the right fork, marked "Towson" and perhaps by now Frederick and other places (It is Interstate 695), and stay on it to Exit 16. Here you take Interstate 70 N, which merges into US 40 West, which goes to Frederick. Do not take the resumption of Interstate 70 N at Frederick, staying on US 40, which leaves US 15, with which it has merged, at Frederick Exit 6 West. You'll see a Holiday Inn just before you get there, and you go to it on 40 West. At this Inn, which is at the corner of Baughman's Lane, you make a right turn for about a half mile, to Shookstown Road, where you turn left for about 2 1/2 miles. It is in the flat, twists and turns, and then you begin to go up a mountain. Here you will notice a Shell gas station and country store on your left, a good landmark, for you are then nearing Old Receiver Road, on which you turn right for .3 miles, where we are on the right, in a patch of woods. You will see our mailbox just before our lane. There is a fork on Old R. Rd. Stay to the left, for here Old R. Rd. is not marked. Hasty thanks.

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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

I saw you this past week on the Bandy T.V. talk show. It gave me great pleasure to watch you give those establishment syncophants hell.

Do you recall being interviewed, by telephone if I remember right, for Pacifica radio W.B.A.I., in New York, about two years ago? You talked with a Mr. Bob Murphy about the then current Garrison investigation and trial in New Orleans.

Prior to interviewing you, Mr. Murphy had done an earlier broadcast, a pedestrian job, on these same aspects of the Kennedy assassination. I immediately, upon hearing this broadcast, mailed Mr. Murphy a copy of your book, "Oswald In New Orleans". I suggested to Mr. Murphy, in my accompanying letter, that if he really wanted to be an informed and knowledgeable commentator on the subject, that he read your book.

He may have mentioned this when he first contacted you.

I have read all your books on the assassination "whitewash" and most of what's been written by critics of the Warren Commission. I also own a set of the 26 volumes.

The extent of my reading on the subject, I list here for sort of credentials for giving serious consideration to what follows.

For the past three years I've been into a personal research project on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The task I set myself was to uncover, if possible, a specific motive for the assassination in Dallas. A motive to the exclusion of all others.

I started with two basic premises, one; that investigators such as yourself had shown, beyond a reasonable doubt, that the Central Intelligence Agency had authored and executed the plot to assassinate President Kennedy. Two; that your summary of the C.I.A.'s treasonous opposition to Kennedy's policies and authority, outlined on Page 301 of "Oswald In New Orleans", afforded a logical point of departure for my investigation as to specific motive.

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after three years work, I believe I have found that
motive, and its proofs.

I have evidence, to the effect, that just prior
to his death, President Kennedy was well into the
preliminaries of a negotiated settlement to the war
in Vietnam. That on the 20th Nov. 1963, two days before
the assassination, President Kennedy had taken positive
irrevocable^(B.A. & C.I.A.) steps to implement this move towards
peace in Southeast Asia.

Furthermore, that the New York Times, from the
very first days was aware of the facts surrounding
this Kennedy peace initiative. And that they in a con-
spiracy of lies, and silence, joined in by columnist
James Reston, Tom Wicker, and others of their ilk,
denied this information to the American people so
as to mislead and deceive them as to the true
perpetrators of, and motives for, the assassination
in Dallas.

I can further substantiate that every Kennedy
chronicler, without exception, from Schlesinger,
Borenson, and White, to Manchester and Hilsman,
knowingly suppressed information and calcula-
tingly lied in print regarding this imminent
peaceful end to the war.

and finally, as unlikely as this may seem, most of the authors of those many, many, tomes on how we got into Vietnam, ad infinitum, ad nauseam, consciously deceived the American public as to the availability of evidence that, in Nov. of 1963, Kennedy was about to bring the Vietnam War to a early and peaceful conclusion.

Why this conspiracy of lies and silence? It was this same, New York Times, in the months preceding the assassination, that carried the crescendo of stories, one following the other, on the violent split within the Kennedy administration. The C.I.A. - Pentagon Cabal, were reported in the "Times", as in virtual rebellion over Kennedy's refusal to be drawn into further military support for the faltering Saigon regime. They were also in revolt over what amounted to Kennedy's developing policy of neutralism and peaceful co-existence in S.E. Asia. Again in the "Times", one month before Kennedy's death, the C.I.A. was reported as "the source of a possible coup against the ^{Kennedy} government in Washington". The C.I.A. took this determination of Kennedy's to negotiate a settlement with the N.F.L.S.V; especially from a position of weakness, as tantamount to a surrender of first Vietnam and eventually the whole of S.E. Asia to Communism.

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Opposed to neutralism, the C.I.A. advocated unconditional support for the tottering regime in Saigon. Including large forces of U.S. combat troops if necessary.

And lo and behold. Just days after the assassination in Dallas. And reported in the New York Times as inconspicuously and as obscurely as possible. Who should these very policies of the C.I.A. - Pentagon cabal find as their most ardent advocator. Why none other than our very own Lyndon B. Johnson!

We Americans may not be that sophisticated politically. But given the above facts, we could without too much trouble put two and two together, and come up with that dirtiest of four letter words, "coup".

Why indeed a conspiracy of lies and silence?

Mr. Weisberg, I live in Queens, New York City. My address is listed below. I would like to drive down to Maryland and show you the material I've put together. Any day that's convenient for you, would be fine with ~~me~~ me.

Sincerely
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