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Dear Mr. Schatner,

You ask what must happen before there is another investigation.

I've not thought of that because I have no hope from any official investigation now. I suppose if there were some sensational development of some kind there might be another gesture but as with the HSCA we've no reason to expect much from it.

There is no smoking gun in the records. As you'll see in NEVER AGAIN! at the beginning, there was an immediate *de facto* conspiracy not to investigate the crime itself. So, nobody looked for or wanted any smoking gun.

Any official investigation of the assassination means an investigation that at the least includes the FBI because of its role and record with the Commission.

Nobody in official life expects to survive FBI opposition politically.

The most we can now hope for is that at some point the government will admit that it lied to the people.

And it is important for the people to understand this and to remember it.

That governments deceive people is not limited to assassinations.

For the system to be able to work the people need understand this, too.

Wish I had more time.

Thanks and best wishes,



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Mr. Weisberg:

First I would like to thank you for sending the order forms for your books. But mostly I would like to thank you for the personal response you also sent. It was more than thoughtful and I thank you for your honesty. To term it in my language, getting a letter from Harold Weisberg was way "cool".

When you send "Whitewash", could you include another order form because I will be ordering other books from you in the future. I would order all of them now but I only have so much spending money after I pay all the bills—one of the drawbacks of living paycheck to paycheck until my acting career takes off! I did order "Never Again!" through my local book store and I look forward to reading that when it arrives.

I'm one of the few Americans that actually read the Warren Report so "Whitewash" will be more insightful I'm sure. My grandmother gave me a copy of hers from the first printing of it back in '63. I do want to read the twenty-six volumes that accompanied the report but I think I have to mentally prepare myself to do that since I've heard that a lot of information in those volumes have nothing to do with the case.

Before I end my letter, what do you think has to happen before another investigation occurs? What can be done now to prompt that? Little ol' me has written letters to Clinton about another investigation but I received I'm sure the typical response letter saying that President Clinton is very concerned about that issue and will seriously look into it. I guess it can be frustrating for people who have been trying to get things done for a good part of their lives and not see too many fruits of their labors. Or the government not doing anything with all those fruits.

Again, thank you for the thoughtful letter. I do look forward to hearing from you in the future. Keep it real.

Sincerely,



John (Andy) Schatner