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My dear Harold Weisberg:

What pleasure to know you are still
with us!

As for myself I am hitting 90. I
should not be doing any assassination stuff.

Your reply to my question about the
Oswald interrogation tapes does not surprise.
Apparently, I am the only one alive who
knows there is at least one such tape—
or was.

You see, as an encumbered college
professor, all I had to work with back in
the 60's were the 26 volumes of hearings and
exhibits, plus what I call "junk". I mean by
"junk" books written by people who just knew
their grammar and punctuation. Excepting
for the Ruby stuff, I read every damn interview,
believe it or not, plus the corresponding exhibits.
The result was a 650+ page mss that nobody
wanted to even look at. The coincidence was
in the first case that I brought the mss to the
Indian University Press on the same morning the
news came out Clay Shaw was acquitted.
The Director of the Press showed no interest at all.

"I want" before he was enthusiastic and said,

Pardon me for so saying, I know things about the Kennedy assassination nobody else knows. Well, now the reference to the interrogation tape = 7H155, Abboriely interview. Then go to 7H297 (Holmes interview) and see how he does not tell the truth.

I gave the above information to Henry Hurt (Beyond Reasonable Doubt)

Could the tape(s) be in the National Archives. Holmes was an FBI informer.

Thanks again, and stay well.

Sincerely,
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P.S. I have all of Whitewash books & the Post Mortem book.
The finding of the death certificate was a stroke of luck!
My revived interest in J.F.K. thing is a response to the Oliver Stone movie.

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Dear Mr. Schneider,

It is, I assure you, as much a pleasure to me, with all the ailments I have and their limitations to still be around only a decade younger than you!

We also had similar experiences with the Indiana Univ. Press. They declined Whitewash. With me it was long before Garrison- in 1965.

I've checked your twocitations to Volume 7. We can thanks Belin for seeing to it that what Dhority testified to ( 155) mremains ambitguous and is seemingly disputed (297) in Belin's deposition of Holmes.

Dhorityri did say that Holmes, he thought "Recorded most of thei interviews." But that he did not say "tape recorded" and wasn't asked means that he could have "recorded" them in taking notes.

Holmes testified that he had "a few notes" from which he dictated his memo.

This at least suggests that he had nothing but notes.

Of all those participating in the Oswald interviews the postal inspector had less reason to need what Oswald said verbatim than any of the others. I therefore believe that he did not take a tape recorder to any of the interrogations.

I also think that if he had it would have been so well-known that it could not have been kept secret. In those days tape recoders were rather bulky. And there was consider-able controversy over the absence of any tapes. Some of the police, who did talk, would have said something and it is likely the press would have seen it if Holmes had carried a tape recorder into the interviews.

It is a not uncommon practise for the police to refer to the taking of notes as "recording" what was said.
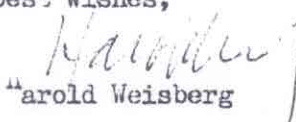
This can be used against Belin but I fear it is less than proof of tape recording. Moreover, if there had been any tapes by now they would no longer exist.

If you can recall any other indication that there may have been taping please let me know and I'll ask my former FOIA lawsuits lawyer to make a FOIA request. But he is too overwoked now to ask this of him when he will agree that Dhority was likely referring to making the notes that Holmes testified he did make.

Finding the death certificate was not only a stroke of luck, as you call it, it was one that could not have been anticipated.

I hope we are both around for more years of considering the additional tragedy of all the official failures and transgressions in the wake of the assassination tragedy!

                                    Thanks and best wishes,

                                    Harold Weisberg