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Mr. Christopher B. Sharrett
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Dear Mr. Sharrett,

I can't really give you a reading on Gordon. Aside from what you saw we had only a few words.

However, I do feel his offers were sincere. I have since had a note from his producer saying I will be welcome any time I want to be there again.

All of this is complicated by the omnipresent nuts. They turn everyone in the media off and undermine what credibility they do not destroy. He has had his share of them.

It is possible that Lardner is using me for his purposes. However, I said what I believe and I have ample basis for it.

I am aware of one Burnham story on ~~Sprague~~ ^{Sprague}. It says less than I knew, less than the Philadelphia papers have said in the past.

Beginning last October I had my own dealings with Sprague and others there. From these experiences there is no comfort I can give you. They are authoritarian, irresponsible and worse than worthless. With all that money, all those people, they have nothing to show. They begin with preconceptions and conclusions.

There is no way that I can believe or say that what is wrong for the Warren Commission or the executive agencies is right for this committee.

If Sprague had gone there to wreck the committee he could not have succeeded better.

They need no enemies, no conspiracies. They have themselves. They are self-destructive.

If they are continued there will be no credibility in anything they do if by some exception accident they do something good.

There is no joy for me in this situation.

Thanks very much for your letter.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

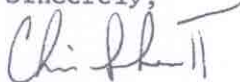
I was most impressed with your appearance on the Lou Gordon program and was distressed to find that, as usual, Gordon took a negative and rather condescending attitude vis a vis the conspiracy issue. It finally appeared, however, that Gordon was more receptive to you than he has been to most researchers, although he is still alternately hypocritical or naive on the subject, which is surprising considering his supposed expertise on political subjects and his stance as one of the few "liberal crusaders" on television.

I am interested in your impressions regarding whether or not Gordon is genuinely receptive to research on this subject or if he is primarily concerned with sensationalism; do you feel it is worthwhile for other researchers to get his attention?

On a totally separate subject, I have noted that your name has been mentioned at least once by Washington Post columnist George Lardner within his coverage of the House Select Committee on Assassinations. Your remarks, as quoted by Lardner, seemed derisive of the Committee as a whole, but I couldn't help but feel he was using you to his own advantage since Lardner, along with the New York Times' David Burnham, has been in the vanguard of the current media onslaught against assassination research. Could you clarify this for me? Perhaps I could share my own knowledge of Chief Counsel Sprague, since he is literally a home-town boy.

Finally, since I have not had the opportunity to say so in the past, let me state that your work has been an invaluable assistance to me over the past few years as I have tried to refine my knowledge of the various assassinations and their implications for this country. You have contributed an immeasurable service and I hope history will record your contribution.

Sincerely,



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