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Dear Ted,

Thanks for your note. May I suggest that if you think in terms of conspiracy you think in terms of what kind or kinds and to do what? For example, would you consider the assassination a conspiracy. What happened to Oswald when he was in the hands of public authority? What happened in the official investigation? Are these all related? Is it possible some parts might be conspiracies and some might not? I have no doubt there was a conspiracy to murder. From there on the evidence is more tenuous.

By the time you get to Washington the working papers of the staff will be available, and especially if your brother can help you, there will be many things you can do, cyite probably original things.

This may by that time also be true in Dallas, but I'd suggest you not go there without a fixed objective in mind and a reasonable expectation of success in it. Especially if it involves interviewing eyewitnesses, who seem reluctant to be interviewed and who can also be conditioned by the nature and direction of the questioning to which they are subjected.

If there is any way in which I can help, of course I will.

Have you thought of any more limited specialization than the very broad question of conspiracy, which has overtones that may not have occurred to you. I'm all for what you are considering, but I am suggesting you try and consider all its possible ramifications so you you can determine in your own mind whether in the time you will have you can really do what you intend. Inherent in this is the suggestion that if you are not satisfied you can complete what you set out to do, you might want to specialize a bit more. Think it over. And very good luck. It is a worthwhile things, and fine of your university to be encouraging it.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Weisberg -

~~Dear Mr.~~ Congratulations on Whitewash II. It's superb. I am about to begin a 9 month intensive analysis of the assassination as part of a Political Science Honor program at the University of California. I'm hoping to get a research grant, and if I do I'll be in Dallas this Spring for about 3 weeks and in Washington all summer. I look forward to meeting you again and discussing my work with you. I'm particularly interested in formulating and supporting a thesis as to who was involved in the conspiracy and why. Your book was and will be a great help. How can Whitewash III be better than a stupendous Whitewash I, and a superb Whitewash II?

Sincerely yours,
Ted Siminoski