

To Marsh Goldberg and Earl Slater from Harold Weisberg 6/7/97

I have just completed the rough draft of another book that with a little cleaning up and some attention can create a scandal of some consequence in Maryland and contribute much to popular understanding of the assassination of President Kennedy, its investigation and the current Assassination Records Review Board. It is being retyped.

As the attached first page of the first Maryland Law Review for this year states, Kermit Hall is, among other things, a dean at the Ohio State University. He is also, if not literally and legally a plagiarist, he is a de facto plagiarist in this lengthy article that was also the prestigious Simon E. Sobeloff lecture at the University of Maryland law school. He cribbed the idea and much of the content with a few minor footnotes from the fictions that was an article in the November, 1995 Forbes magazine by Max Holland.

That article has nothing to do with the fact of the assassination or the fact of its investigation or the fact of the Report. But Hall loved it and adopted it and as the result his prestigious *Issue* and this article (and he had the same stuff in the February, 1997 issue of the Newsletter of the American Organization of Historians) imposed up Maryland trust while abusing it and misusing it as a means of being critical of all writing not in agreement with the official assassination mythology. *to mislead his audience.*

He singled several of my books out, misrepresenting them in his brief mentions of them, and I used that for a different approach in this writing: instead of footnotes, of which I said he gave them a bad name, I used exhibits consisting of what he misrepresented. These consist of pages of the books that hold or cite official documents *and testimony only* and all in all refute him strongly, pointedly, while informing people who may see it about the actual official facts. There are five dozen exhibits, *an appendix.*

I had to rush, given the state of my health, and I was late getting what Hall did. I learned of it when the man from whom he cribbed the idea and much of the content wrote an article for a newsletter we were sent.

The idea is that the Warren Commission was right because it was wrong in withholding alleged secrets to protect sources and methods and national security, none of which has any connection with the actualities, with the fact.

I will have copies for you if you'd like them. I intend to send copies, long as this is, to the law school and its law review. Perhaps to the announced publisher of the book along this line Max Holland has announced for next year.

Hall is an authentic subject-matter ignoramus. He remains that after two years on this board that is to see to the release of all assassination records when he at least hasn't the slightest idea what an assassination record is. As can be seen he has started a campaign, using Maryland as a means, of arguing against those who can be expected to be disappointed at the work of this board. <sup>When</sup> ~~When~~ the board has just asked for an extension of time and gotten it, this may seem a bit premature, but it is a fact.

As you can see from his title, "The Virulence of the National Appetite for ~~X~~ Bogus "Revelation," all other than the official assassination mythology is bogus revelation. I have taken that as my title, Bogus Revelation, with the subtitle More Official Lies about the JFK Assassination.

Hall has even taken from this right-winger who <sup>thinks</sup> ~~thinks~~ his crap, that has not a fact about the assassination in it, a virulent lie about Robert Kennedy, with some addressed to John, that Robert started the alleged 1962 mafia plot against Castro, to get him killed. That in fact was an Eisenhower administration project dating to the August before John Kennedy was elected. One of the exhibits I use is what the CIA disclosed to me about this, that it dates to 8/60, well before the Kennedy administration, and that during its life knowledge of it was limited to but six all of whom were high up in the CIA.

Even Hall's credit for his title is dishonest. He attributes it to Menckdn, who said it. But he cribbed it from Holland, who used it in his Forbes piece on page 50.

He is professor of history and law. I have one chapter titled The Professor of History and the Law needs lessons in both, he is that ignorant of history he lived through and without his misrepresenting of it, as does Holland, he could not have had this piece.

The alleged but not existing Kennedy attempt to kill Castro is widely believed to have caused Castro to get him killed. That is not possible.

There might be a controversy in Ohio, probably Columbus, with the opportunity, for the dean/professor of history and law used sources he did not read or understand and misrepresented, which gets students flunked. In addressing two of his misrepresentations, which raised the question of perjury at the and about the autopsy, now Senator Arlen Specter's telling the Commission they could not get the TV film of what the doctors said so they could not show him his words when there had been no TV coverage but radio and the print press ~~did~~ cover and it was a White House press conference so I use the official White House transcript. What the doctors said made the Warren Report as issued impossible.

The text is not long, the content is important and the exhibits are interesting,  
I think. *Herold Weisberg*