

August 29, 1967

Mr. Arlen Specter
Room 666, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107

Dear Mr. Specter:

It is inevitable that I will be writing about the CBS shows in which you participated. I cannot, therefore, allow your letter of July 11 to go without response.

In it you seem to limit your claim of not having lied to these CBS shows in saying, "Contrary to your view, I have full confidence in the accuracy of all the statements which I have made concerning the work of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy."

So there may be no doubt in your mind what you did say and what I shall be writing about, I enclose herewith photocopies of page 14 of the second CBS show and pages 5 and 6 of the fourth. I ask you to affirm that each and every one of these statements is accurate, is complete enough, and that at the time you made them and CBS aired them you so believed.

Because of the use to which CBS put your statement on "three separate bullets striking" both men, without reference to the "missed" shot, a use that must have been apparent at the time you made it, I further ask you to affirm that this is a complete response and that you seriously regard your allegation that a separate bullet could have struck Governor Connally while two different bullets struck the President and thus "it is not indispensable to have the single bullet conclusion in order to come to the basic finding that Oswald was the sole assassin" as a fair, honest and complete enough statement, in accord with all of the facts as you know them and as the Commission's Report, printed evidence and files record them.

In the event your letter of July 11 was not intended to limit your claim of not having lied to the CBS shows, I will be happy to send you copies of earlier statements attributed to you, such as by UPI and U.S. News and World Report, for the purpose of providing you with the opportunity of affirming or denying them.

I note that on page 14 you say that "the Commission concluded" that one bullet inflicted all seven non-fatal injuries. If you would care to record the fact that you did not lead the Commission to this conclusion and that you did not draft for their approval and signatures such parts of the Report, I will be happy to print it in my next book.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg