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Dear Mr. Sprague,

Thank you very much for taking the time to write me. There are many places from which shots could have come, and of these, the grassy knoll and the other building are two of the most probable.

What a private citizen can do is indeed a question when one considers what is mobilized against any proper consideration of the subject. The most obvious, I suppose, is writing legislators. This may at least draw their attention to the existence of a story other than the official one and let ~~them~~ them know that the best that can be said for the official account is that it is dubious and perhaps dictated by expediency.

I do agree that there is much ^{more} involved here, obviously, than a simple murder case. The entire national integrity is involved.

Probably by now copies of the book are available in many of the NY bookstores. The appearance on the Long John Nebel show seems to have attracted some attention. We have received small orders from some of the larger NY stores, and perhaps the publicity motivated the distributors a bit. We shall, of course, fill all orders we get within 24 hours.

Again thanks. Sorry I can't take time for a fuller response.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

Mr Harold Weisberg:
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June 26, 1966
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Dear Mr Weisberg:

Congratulations on your book. I know what a tremendous amount of work it must have been. It's just too bad the Commission didn't have the time or the inclination to do the analysis you have done of their own information.

I have read Inquest and I feel your book is much more substantial and goes into greater depth. I am just a private citizen who has remained disturbed about the curtain erected between the truth about the assassination and the public. It was obvious to me from the moment Oswald was arrested that there was something strange about his being discovered that quickly by what seemed to be a fluke meeting between him and Tippit.

From that time on I have viewed with skepticism all of the official reports of what happened. I read both Buchanan books, Joesten's book, the Esquire article, Fox' book and miscellaneous articles.

From your analysis, I gather you believe that the shots could have come from a second story window of the building next to the Depository building, and from

the grassy knoll. The fake Oswald was meanwhile drawing attention to the Depository window by extending a rifle all the way out of the window and subsequently dropping the shells on the floor where they would be found.

Just think what a really competent, unbiased professional investigating group could do given plenty of time. New witnesses, new interviews with old witnesses, new evidence should be easy to turn up. Sooner or later, Ruby or one of the conspirators is bound to give up and confess the whole mess. Right now they all feel safe because of the Commission's Report.

Your book being published by a responsible firm would shake them up a little.

What can an independent private citizen do? Is any Congressional body interested yet in doing something? Who has been aroused by your book? Surely, the truth can no longer be buried about the event which has changed our entire moral climate, our path through history and our foreign and domestic policy, more than any other in recent decades.

Sincerely

R. E. Sprague

P.S. Please write to me at the 80 Pine St address if you do answer. My wife thinks I'm a kook on this subject.