

Dear Mr. Wall,

3/10/90

I'm glad you told me to include the price of the book in the event Sweden applies a sales tax. I have a dim recollection of a postal form for this purpose. The post office is closed here Saturdays - yes, your letter took only two days - but I'll phone on Monday and if there is such a form I'll have copies Tuesday and will send the packages Wednesday. The form I think I remember is on the outside of packages.

I do not recall that you told me that you write for a newspaper. I'll enclose copies of a couple of records I did not get in time to include in the books. I got them, and as I may have told you, about a third of a million other pages under the Freedom of Information act.

You point out the similarity between the Palme and JFK cases in the denial of authorities that anything is wrong. It is to address this that I've selected the two records I'll enclose. There is ever so much more like it available if Dagens Nyheter is interested and has a Washington correspondent. We are about an hour from Washington.

Despite the contrary pretense by our government, the crime itself was never investigated. I can provide documentation. So there are no viable leads for private inquiry except, I believe, as I have done. As I told you mine is a study of how the basic institutions of our society worked in that time of great stress and since. I do not know that the same can fairly be said about your government.

There was a time when I believe that we could approach this by asking the traditional lawyers' question, "cui bono?" but when I gave that further thought it became obvious that there were just too many ~~interests~~ who could have seen benefit to their interest in getting rid of Kennedy or what that made automatic, having Johnson replace him. I think the question should always be asked, though.

I'll be glad to answer those of your (plural) questions I can. Perhaps it would be less work for me and better for the three of you if you pool your questions.

I strongly urge that you read the books in the order of their appearance, with one exception: first read what will later mean more if you read it again, the transcript of the Warren Commission executive session of January 22, 1964, beginning on page 475 of Post Mortem - the last book. I think it will help to begin with this perspective the Commission provided in the belief that no devil loving scripture would ever see it. It was classified Top Secret improperly.

All the books were done in great haste and are largely corrected rough drafts. My wife was, in effect, the typesetter while also being proofreader and indexer. Among other things. The first of the Whitewash series was completed 2/15/65 and was published in a limited edition that August. I know of no error in it and of remarkably few in the rest, none of any significance.

I don't know Steve Weinberg^{b/} and he never spoke to me or asked me any questions. Most reporters find it expedient and less uncomfortable to take the position he takes. Ignorance ~~with them~~ makes them authoritative.

One of the two records enclosed, the memorandum to Bill Moyers, the channel to LBJ, was written by the man who as Deputy Attorney General was usually in day-to-day control of the Department of Justice and then was, in addition, acting A.G. It is not dated but the holograph was written, I believe, Sunday, right after Oswald was killed. The Department's copy is from the files of Howard W. Willens, who had been loaned to the Commission and was liaison with the Department while a commission counsel and Rankin's assistant. You also have the FBI's copy. The memo was typed Monday morning, 11/25, and hand-delivered to the FBI that morning. Also that morning, knowledge of the memo was apparently

leaked to the Washington Post and knowledge of the Post's possession of it and plan to endorse it editorially was leaked to the FBI, still that morning. (The marks on the DJ copy I made.)

The other four pages are an FBI Headquarters tickler disclosed in a Freedom of Information lawsuit in which no records originating with the Congress were to be disclosed. There is no further identification of it in the disclosure. I believe it was a damage-control outline prepared when the investigation of the House Select Committee on Assassinations was imminent. (They were, however, a bunch of self-important finks.) I think this document speaks for itself but if you have any questions, please ask. To the best of my knowledge it has never been used in the papers here. There are paperclips in the margins in several places that I put there to draw attention to those items when I used this in a lawsuit in federal district court.

The FBI's number 62-109090 is for its file captioned "Liaison with the Warren Commission." The third number is the serial number.

I did not plan to do a second book and what the second book was not prepared with a book in mind. I just published ~~this~~ as a book.

Sorry about my typing. I must sit with my legs elevated. This puts the machine to one side and my head and shoulders too close to it.

Almost forgot a few names I should identify for you. Courtney A Evans was FBI assistant Director who was liaison with the Department of Justice. Alan Belmont was above him, then the No. 3 man, next to Clyde Tolson, and the channel to Hoover. Nobody ever wrote Hoover. It was always through channels. *(Tolson, Associate Dir., Belmont, Assistant Dir., Sullivan, the 2nd Director)*
William Sullivan was assistant director in charge of Domestic Intelligence Division.

Walter Jenkins was a Johnson staff assistant.

James Patrick Hosty, Jr., was the Oswald "case agent" in Dallas and references to him in this tickler relate to his destruction of a threatening note to him from Oswald about two weeks before the assassination. He was ordered to destroy the note and it was kept secret until it was leaked in 1975.

P.C.I. = probational criminal informant.

Alex Rosen, assistant director, General Investigative Division.

Gale was the inspector general.

O.C. = organized crime; LCN = La Cosa Nostra, or Mafia.

Warren's choice for general counsel was Warren Olney, who'd been in Criminal Division, Justice Dept.

James Patrick Hosty, Jr.
incident

Stockholm, March 8, 1990

Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr Weisberg,
as you might remember we had a telephone conversation some days ago – I am the friend of Kari Poutiainen who called from Sweden.

Enclosed is a \$ 242-cheque to pay for **three copies each of all the six books that you have in backlist**. I took the opportunity to order your books not only for myself but also for two other people who are very interested in serious documentation of the Kennedy case.

So, besides sending a package of the six books to myself (address as below) I would like you to send the other two packages to respectively:

Sven Anér
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and

Olle Alsén
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Please be sure to include information about the price in the packages since Swedish authorities might want to get the receiver to pay a sales tax. If they don't know the price they might believe it to be higher than it really is.

Just for your information: Sven Anér is the author of many critical books about nuclear power in Sweden – and especially about the lies and shortcomings of the authorities in relation to safety problems involved. He has also written a book about the Palme murder and is the one person who has done the most work when it concerns getting out documents about the murder investigation from the authorities.

Olle Alsén writes for the liberal Stockholm daily Dagens Nyheter and, like Anér, is noted for his critical writings about nuclear power and about the Palme case.

I for myself write for a small left-wing weekly newspaper called Internationalen. For two years and a half I have covered the Palme case – both the crime and the so called investigation of it surpass everything that has happened in Sweden during this century. I have written some hundred articles on the subject.

One similarity between the Palme case and the Kennedy case seems to be the denial from authorities that anything is wrong with the investigation and the passive acceptance of such statements on the part of most of the big media.

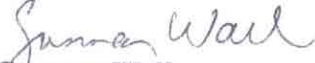
Just an example: last year I attended a conference for investigative reporters. It was held in Stockholm. One of the invited speakers was a representative of the US organization IRE, Investigative Reporters and Editors, Steve Weinberg. During a questions period someone asked him about the Kennedy murder and the basic content of his short answer was that he accepted the judgement of the Warren commission. There was obviously nobody in the audience who had enough knowledge to challenge that.

I don't know if you are familiar with Weinberg, but I guess your reactions to this are similar to what I feel when I hear respected Swedish journalists uncritically accept untruthful statements from authorities on the Palme case.

Of course I have a lot of questions about the Kennedy murder but I guess I will find many of the answers in your books.

I would be grateful for any comments or questions from you to this letter but I remember what you said about not having the strength to write much letters.

With best wishes for your health and looking forward to read your books,


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