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Dear Mr. Thorpe,

I do appreciate your letter, and the thousands like it I've gotten over the years.

I would like to think that the hoped-for time, as you put it, has come, but the years have taught me not to be optimistic about this.

As we saw with the House committee that was to have investigated the political assassinations, there is a great unwillingness by officials to face the realities, and given the power of the executive agencies, their fear. When you get the 1/21/64 executive session transcripts in Post Mortem you'll get a glimpse of this, more if you read the transcript of six days later, in Whitewash IV.

However, the coming exploitation of the anniversary may generate new pressure and with luck might lead to an honest investigation. So, it is worth the time and effort to make your desires known to the House and Senate.

What else can you do? Inform yourself and try to inform others. Great as are the odds against it, this is the way the system is supposed to work and we should each of us try to make it work. I see the Warren Report as a great subversion of our system, the same being true about the errant executive agencies.

Great as these odds are, I give testimony to the fact that they can be overcome.

The FBI's corruption in one of my early Freedom of Information lawsuits led the Congress to amend the Act to open the FBI and CIA files and you are, I think, old enough to recall what then did come out. Sure, they found ways to clamp down again, but we did do much good with that success and despite official efforts we continue to get benefits from it.


We never know if any effort can or will succeed but one thing is certain, there is no such success without effort.

Today there are no organizations seeking a new investigation, at least ^{none} ~~none~~ of which I know.

In a sense, the truth has been told - most Americans do not know that they were lied to by their government when their President was assassinated. What remains is for the successor governments to acknowledge this. I doubt if it is possible to do more now.

Again many thanks.

Best wishes,


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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Like many people I can vividly recall the moment I heard of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Being but a child I was far removed from the reality of the event but the image of my mother, slumped against the refrigerator and crying with grief and horror after I had told her of the announcement I had just heard on the TV, will remain with me always.

Later, my knowledge of those events of November 1963 was garnered largely through reading the official press and history books.

Until I became familiar with your work and had read several other books which deviated from the official version of this heinous crime I had little reason to doubt the verdict of the Warren Report. Now I view it as what it obviously is; a monumental lie foisted upon the American public by its government.

I recently received your book Post Mortem and although I have only begun to read it there is one line that has compelled me to write this letter. That line is:

"It (the government) hoped, with each passing day, that somehow that awful pile of dirt swept under the too-small rug would just go away, just be forgotten."

It is unfortunate but I believe that hoped-for time has come. This angers me for I believe, now that the subject has been officially closed by the government, that that day when the world might learn the truth about this gross miscarriage of justice will never arrive.

So I ask you, Mr. Weisberg, what is it that an ordinary citizen like myself can do? I cannot adequately express to you my frustration at the feeling that my one small voice crying in this great void will never be heard. In light of your monumental courage and the treatment your efforts have received, my frustration is compounded.

Are there organizations which support the same cause

that you have apparently dedicated your life to? Perhaps a small donation to your cause would be appropriate?

I realize, Mr. Weisberg, that you are a very busy man and may not have the time or energy to reply to this. If that is the case I understand fully.

I, like you, wish only that one day the truth be told. In light of that, I wish you good luck in your endeavors and would like to say that you and your work toward this common goal have my unflagging support and respect.

Sincerely,

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