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Dear Ms. Hunt,

Your 1987 letter did not reach me. I am inclined to believe that innocently you had the wrong address. However, several of those you used who do know me could have provided the correct address. We have moved only once since my first book appeared, to where we now live. However, as the area grew, the post office rearranged its rural routes. Although letters addressed to ^{me} with only Frederick, Md. sometimes do reach me, I know also that those with a former rural route have been returned to senders. At first we were on Route 7, then the number was changed to 8, then 12, and then, still without moving, we got a street address, still on Route 12, which ^{is} has been for more than a decade. If you used Route 12 it should have reached me. If you used one of the other route numbers it would depend on how long that carried had been assigned to that route. Some knew me, others didn't, and when they did not the letters were returned to senders.

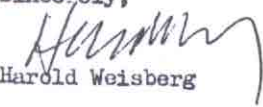
I did not write to chide you for not offering my books for sale. Although they withstood time's testing without a single significant error being found in them and almost none that are not significant, you would still be criticized for offering them. You are welcome to offer them if you want and I'll enclose a list. (My wife takes care of these things, including the discounts, except for Whitewash: the Report on the Warren Report, on which we can offer no discount except by a special arrangement because I am not able to handle a 12th or 13 printed reprint because of my health impairments and limitations because we can provide it only through a rather expensive actual-size xerox)

I could criticize you for offering Manchester's book and don't be surprised if Secret Service people do. What he wrote about some of them was outrageously false and insensitive and indecent. And if you are offering the two books you mention what I read in the papers was not inaccurate. You are in an awful situation with regard to such things. You can't be enough of a subject expert to know what is factual and what isn't. The current mafia books are quite bad, misleading and misinforming. But you have no way of giving them a critical reading or of even getting one. My work does differ from the others, however, in not theorizing, particularly not a whodunit.

If I can be of help, if only in giving advice, of course I'm willing to. I have never been one of those who said that Dallas or the spirit of Dallas did it and as I think those with whom you have been in touch will tell you, I also criticize those in the critical community, including them. This does not mean that I dislike them and - don't. It is a consequence of the focus of my work, which is a study of how our institutions worked in that time of crisis and since then. While others have been on flights of fancy I've been compelling disclosure of the withheld records, now about a third of a million pages. They are available to all here while I live and thereafter they will be available at local Hood College. Including copies.

Sorry I won't be able to see your exhibition. I've not been able to drive out of Frederick for more than a decade and any travel is a problem. I'll be ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ 76 in a few days. But thanks for the invitation. I wish you good luck ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ with it and no complaints!

Sincerely,


Harold Weisberg

 The Sixth Floor

March 13, 1989

Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr Weisberg:

You should know better than to believe what you read in the papers, Mr. Weisberg. At present the only books for sale in the bookstore that deal with the actual assassination are Death of a President and a children's book on the subject. The Foundation deferred its final orders for this type of book until April to give it time to determine what is still in print.

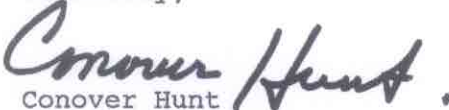
Secondly, I wrote to you in the fall of 1987 asking for your assistance in planning the exhibition and received no reply. Perhaps the post office threw it away.

We have labored for ten years to find a sensible and sensitive way to deal with this terrible national tragedy. Our role has never been to try to solve the crime, but rather to give people an educational insight into its meaning, and, for some, a means of release.

Certainly we hope that you will come to see the exhibition to see for yourself what it contains.

Should any of your books still be in print, please send pricing information to the Publications Review Committee at the address below. Thank you again for your letter; I regret that you had been misinformed.

Sincerely,


Conover Hunt
Project Director

P.S. I am a woman.

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