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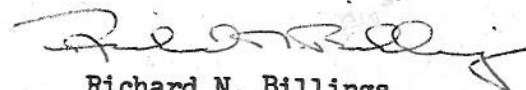
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Mr. Harold Weisberg
Coq d'Or Farm
Hyattstown, Md.

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I'd be glad to talk with you when you're in New York next week. LIFE has nothing planned for any immediate publication on the Warren Report, though we have a continuing interest in the subject. I'll be away until Tuesday, but if you will call that morning, I would hope we could arrange a meeting.

Sincerely,



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Mr. Richard Billing
LIFE Magazine
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New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Billing,

Twenty-one months ago, when I had completed WHITENASH and included in it everything of any consequence about the investigation of the Kennedy assassination that has since been credited to others and much that others have not yet adopted or found, I never dreamed I'd be elated at the accusation of losing the reader "in a sea of irrelevancies." Hence for the attributions of "nuggets", if only of "criticism", I am almost in your debt. What LIFE said in these few words is almost the nicest thing said of my book!

Whether this is a valid comment or an adequate one I'm content to leave to history, which will write very soon. Meanwhile, I assume that when LIFE does an article like the current Connally one, it has serious purposes and it is for this reason I phoned your Washington office, which referred me to you.

When no one else penned these "nuggets", although I never dreamed of a career on the assassination, I felt obligated to do so myself. I have completed a sequel which tells how the whitewashing was done, by whom, how, etc. It is in the same format: the official evidence only. It is illuminated with photocopies of some of the more important documents and has an appendix of photographs that I think will unveil almost everything.

I expect to be in New York part of the fourth and through the early morning of the seventh, at least, in the event you would like to see me. I would like to suggest, if you do, that you read my chapters on "The Number of Shots" and the autopsy with care and an open mind, with the 36 volumes alongside you so you can keep me honest. If you have doubts of my real beliefs or motives, may I suggest that you solicit the opinions of Mel Bailey and Paul Noble of NEWS TV. They have seen me under more pressure than most authors face, for longer periods of time, and I think know what was spontaneously reflected. They may also have other news.

LIFE has done an important thing, now and in history. I hope it is but the beginning. If there is anything you would like to know of me, please call (person to person, for I'll be away from home most days the coming week) and ask. I think I have at least as much knowledge and understanding of the published record and the unpublished materials as anyone. I will deal with you honorably and will tell you how you can check on anything I tell you. I know I can expect honorable treatment in return. I also expect to have materials with me that may interest you.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Weisberg