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Story in Error, Weisberg Says

Author Harold Weisberg says a report in The Times-Picayune last Sept. 8 that a judgment in a local civil district court case was not handed against him because he was beyond the jurisdiction of the court is incorrect.

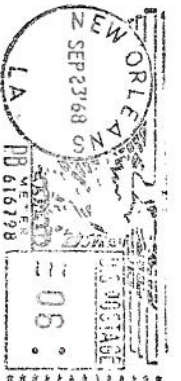
Weisberg's statement referred to a suit by Carlos Bringuier of New Orleans against Canyon Books and Canyon Distributing Co. of New York. Canyon published Weisberg's book, "Oswald in New Orleans—Case for Conspiracy with the C.I.A." Bringuier was awarded \$5,000 by Judge David Gertler, who ruled against Canyon. Weisberg was not ruled against, and attorneys for Bringuier said it was because there was no jurisdiction over Weisberg.

Commenting on the statement, Weisberg said he was in New Orleans and that his presence here was regular and public. He said: "You can ask Bringuier's counsel whether any effort was made to serve me (with a subpoena). If they say there was not, which is the case—and they knew I was there—you then know the explanation given you and published by you was false and intended to serve another purpose."

Weisberg also said: "I was not found guilty of anything and I am not, in fact, guilty of anything; specifically, I am not guilty of having libeled Bringuier."

Weisberg said he was not a party to the suit, although his name was used in the suit against Canyon.

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