

Dear Dave,

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During the ABC show The Trial Of Lee Harvey Oswald Jim called last night to ask me if any parts seemed familiar. By then in that one part I was aware of two uses that to the best of my knowledge are in my work only or come from it only.

I don't know how far Jim will go with this or will want or be able to or whether it can lead to claims against ABC. However, because of the fortune spent on the shows, which may or may not subsequently appear as more of Schiller's "investigative reporting," and because of the number of people reached and influenced, it might be worthwhile being able to go farther along the line Jim opened. You'll find another comment of this general nature in my letter to Dorgan about the "poll."

Why don't you write to ABC and ask for a copy of the script for use in courses?

What made me think of this was first in my mind last night and returned a few minutes ago when an unexpected call from a California talk show asked me questions pointing that way.

The basic concept Schiller pushes comes from Whitewash, that there was no question of Oswald's involvement, if only as a patsy, and the Commission had proof of this, meaning there was a conspiracy. The only question was of knowing involvement. This is exactly what Schiller read in the book he maligned in his Scavengers. I think the text would be of some interest to Jim, if not also to others.

In time I'll have tapes of both shows, so the words will be available without the script. However, the script would be easier and could have other importances.

You might also ask for the kind of information that appeals to scholars, the amount of research, the number of researchers, a bibliography as well as what would probably be impressive, the number of hours of work, feet of film and dollars of cost.

Hastily,