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April 15, 1969  
Tuesday  
London, England

Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Again, I was so happy to hear from you. I get upset reading you books but your spirit comes through so marvelously in your letters. It's great.

Your friend John Pilger doesn't work for The News of the World but rather The Daily Mirror. When I called the latter they said they weren't allowed to give out home addresses so I wrote a letter to him at work and asked that he send his address to me to forward to you or to just write you directly as I enclosed your address. So either way you should be able to re-open your correspondence soon.

② Also I wrote a note to the owner of the New Earls' Court Hotel so I should see him next week. I'm Clay Blair Jr's The Strange Case of James Earl Ray he has some detailed information on the hotels he stayed at. I've only been able to glance at it so far.

I probably won't be successful but I'm going to Scotland Yard tomorrow. The Bobbie I was talking to said they have a press sector which deals with inquiries for information of crimes. I'll try and see if it's possible to obtain any information. One probably needs to be a member of the press though.

I read The Unanswered Questions About President Kennedy's Assassination and I don't see why Avard Books wouldn't publish your books as well. His books seemed shallow and superficial compared to your books but still. It's all so frustrating.

③ Being so deeply involved as you are and knowing what you do it almost seems a wonder you maintain your sanity. Really! The more I read the more I am amazed by your courage and perseverance.

I'd like more of your book forms if I may. All the books except for one are out on loan (that you sent me) Word will spread.

You know you are about the first person I've known who doesn't have headaches. I've never had one either so I guess we are both spoiled health wise.

I will get paid soon and will send some more money to you. You are very kind in saying my credit is good and I may pay as I can. I appreciate that so much but I shall pay in full eventually. I only wish I could do more financially to help.

I shall write you of my trip to Scotland <sup>Yard</sup> tomorrow. I hope it will be successful. I'd like so much to be able to help you in what

H) you are doing.

On my recent French exam I was supposed to write a paragraph on someone I admired very much but unfortunately, I didn't know how to write of you were in French. C'est terrible! - But the thought was there.

If you have any other pleasures you'd like me to do feel free to ask and take advantage of my being here. I'd be only too happy to comply. Honestly.

You've been most kind.

My best wishes always

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