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Dear Mr. Vitron,

Over the years I have received many thousands of letters and, like yours of last week, they mean much. More now that I'm 82 and rather limited. I do appreciate them all very much.

I enclose the list of our book together with their prices.

When you get to writing, if it is possible for me I'll help you all I can.

I'm thinking about this, I urge you not to lose sight of the terrible reality with which NEVER AGAIN! begins- the crime as never officially investigated and thus there are no real leads for private persons to follow.

If and when you can get here you'll be welcome, as all writing in the field always have ~~was~~ been. But I do keep what for most are convoluted hours to cope with several medical problems. I must be abed by 6 p.m.

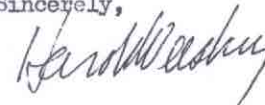
I have all the records of all the FOIA litigation and in addition I have about seven full file drawers of administrative appeals in which I did write a bit of history. I do not recall how much of the law-suit files may be in boxes but I think they take up two full cabinets besides any boxes.

For years friends urged me to write an autobiography but I did not. I've wanted to spend as much of the time as remains to me to perfecting the record to the degree that is possible for me. However, some time ago it appeared that what I've titled Inside the JFK Assassination Industry should be put on paper, where at great length it is, and I decided that to accredit myself for work that is not taught in colleges I should recount the learning experiences of my life that I believe helped prepare me for what I did. It got longer than I'd planned and in this limited sense it is a rather pedestrian autobiography. It is partly retyped and the retyping will be resumed when I can get a new person to replace the one who had to suspend working on it. Like all else I have it will be accessible.

After all the years I do not remember at all clearly but I do believe that some years ago someone expressed the Federal Reserve suspicion. I do not recall the claimed basis for that belief. I have nothing on file on it.

I do appreciate your letter very much and I thank you for it.

Sincerely,



Harold Weisberg

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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

I have just completed reading your latest book entitled "Never Again". I'm sure you must receive thousands of letters from people extending their admiration for the work you have accomplished in the area of the John F. Kennedy assassination. I would just like to add my own personal thank you.

I have been a collector of information about JFK and his family since he ran for the presidency in 1960. My collection now consists of about 600 books, 17 albums of newspaper clippings and stacks of magazines and articles. Obviously it pales in comparison to the information you have accumulated.

Since the assassination I have read almost every book published on the subject. I have to admit that I am missing several of yours and I would like to order them through you if that is possible. They are the following:

"Photographic Whitewash"
"Whitewash IV"
"Oswald In New Orleans"
"Post Mortem"

If you would send me a note indicating the cost of the books and the shipping charges, I will send you a check immediately. If I can't obtain them through you, I would appreciate your telling me where I may order them.

I have always held the dream of writing a purposeful book about JFK and I am currently working on something that I would eventually like to share with you in order to obtain your reaction. But something more important has occurred to me that indirectly ties in with the subject. I have given considerable thought to everything that has happened since Nov. 22, 1963 and I realize that at no time in our history have the people been more complacent, confused and discouraged. At some point our "elected" officials have become so isolated from the average citizen that we have either forgotten or have given up caring, that the government is really us, and those people in Washington and in our state capitals are really our employees, not our masters. We matter. What we think, matters. The attitude that each of us as individuals are helpless to try and make a difference needs to be changed. We have allowed individual pride to evolve into group complacency.

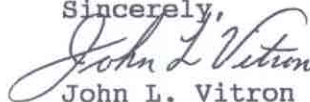
I can think of no individual, over the past thirty-three years, who has exemplified what can be accomplished by one person, better than yourself. In short, I believe your story needs to be told. People need to know how you challenged the government and won and at what personal sacrifice. You preserved the right for every individual to know what our government is doing, and how it is doing it, under the guise of our supposed collective approval. Your story is significant in that you stand as a symbol of what one person can accomplish when he/she believes strongly enough and determines to make a difference.

I would like to arrange to spend some time with you shortly after the end of summer for the purpose of gathering some detailed personal information with the ultimate goal of writing your story. At the same time I would like to have access to your files, especially those relating to your FOIA suits. Until we can arrange a meeting, I would like to have as much biographical background material about yourself and your life as you feel comfortable in sharing at this time. I will prepare a short article from that and the information I have accumulated and return it for you to read. You can then decide whether I would be the right person to tell your complete story. Should you decide that I may be the wrong person, I would encourage you very strongly to find a writer of your choosing, if not yourself, and allow him or her to make your story known. Every individual needs to know what you went through for us and it would be a perfect climax to your work to date.

Before closing I do have one more question I would like to ask. You have probably seen more information and talked to more people regarding the assassination than any other living person. I realize that your main focus lies in exposing the lies and coverups involving many of our government organizations. Many writers have proposed a number of theories behind the assassination and those involved in its planning. These range from the Cubans, the CIA, the military, LBJ, the Mafia, and big business. I have read about Kennedy's supposed softness on Communism, concessions to Khrushchev to end the Missile Crisis, de-escalating the Viet Nam War, and reorganizing the CIA as possible reasons for his death. As I recall, another major plan he was considering was the eliminating the Federal Reserve Board and allowing the government, once again, to begin printing our currency based on the gold standard which had been stopped. Have you come across any information in your papers to suggest this as a possible cause for the assassination?

Again, allow me to express my admiration and appreciation for all your work and I hope you will seriously consider my suggestion.

Sincerely,


John L. Vitron