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Dear Ms. Walters,

You misunderstood that I said or it was edited to give the wrong impression. My work has been an investigation of the JFK assassination but in the course of this work it became also a study of how our institutions worked in that time of great stress and since then. If you separate fact from conjecture and theory, I have brought more fact about that crime to light than anyone else.

Oliver Stone was indifferent to fact. He saw the Garrison book, which he knew was a fraud and a travesty, as the perfect vehicle ~~it~~ for him to use <sup>in</sup> adding to what he had said about Viet Nam. To this day, script and movie or no script and movie, Stone does not know the basic fact of the assassination. With consummate skill he has pulled the greatest historical scam in decades.

This is because he represented his movie as strictly factual, saying that it would record their history for the people, telling them who killed their President, why and how.

He and Garrison, as I told him, have trouble telling the truth even by accident.


If Stone has been honest and described his project as a work of fiction I would not have begun the exposure of him for which I am responsible but when he palmed this work of really trashy fiction off as our real history, I believe that required exposure, if only for the historical record. In his commercialization and exploitation he also imposes upon the trust of people. Now at least some have a basis for questioning whether his account is really factual, is really our history.

In general, any theory presented as fact in this case has to be at least questioned. The crime itself was never officially investigated and thus there are no real leads for private people to follow. I know of no theory that is not at the least seriously flawed and some, including the better-known ones, are impossible. But like Stone, those authors rip off the mind while they rip off the pocket.

You hope that people will begin to investigate after seeing the movie. Those who try will be more frustrated because the available literature is at its best faulty and at its worst, especially Garrison's and Marrs' books used by Stone, frightfully bad, misleading, even dishonest. Really that bad.

Any new official investigation must begin with an investigation of the FBI. "nobody in political life can undertake such an investigation and survive it.

Two excellent books long out of print are Sylvie "eagher's "Accessories after the Fact" and Howard Roffman's "Presumed Guilty."

You enjoyed Ansen's comments but the <sup>truth</sup> ~~truth~~ is that film is worse than "hogwash." And Ansen has no subject-matter knowledge. Or, it is difficult for the average person to know who is truthful, who lies, and thus most are misled and misinformed. And that it no way to try to make democracy work. Sincerely, Harold Weisberg 

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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I wish to thank you for persisting in publicizing your doubts about the Warren Commission findings and for speaking with me on the phone. I know it has been almost a year now and I apologize for not writing sooner.

I have read Huder's High Treason and I have A&E's 6 hour series on who killed Kennedy on tape. It was fascinating. I have just watched JFK and was once again spurred on in my humble investigation. My family think I am crazy and I must admit that there very well maybe some craziness mixed in with the facts in my beliefs.

I was pleased to see you again on TV. I was, however, surprised at your comments about your investigation being different from others in that you aren't studying the assassination but how institutions have worked in times of crisis. I guess I understand in part but I am also interested in the mystery of the conspiracy. I was fascinated by JFK and I have

done quite a bit of reading on the subject in the last year. I got started because of another program on A/E and your comments in it. I thank you for helping me become more aware.

I read of your fears in Life Magazine so I wanted to check your reactions to JFK so I might not be fooled by the drama of it. I have not been and investigative reporter; it is easy for me to believe what anyone says. I am guessing that you are not happy with Harrison's or the movie's conclusion that all the assassinations in the 60's were connected.

I hope that General X's (Donald Sutherland's) comment about "think for yourself" is welcomed by you. I wish to read Col. Prouty's book.

I was pleased to see in the movie that Harrison accused the press that the government deserves to be accused when it starts lying to its people.

I wonder what you see when you view this movie. I think it's great that he was able to bring these questions to more people. Hopefully more people will begin to investigate. I wonder if another government investigation would not be just as sabotaged as the first I have seen.

I still have your books on my wish list.  
I am not working now however, my car is demanding attention or dying (I'm not sure which), and cash is at an all time low. I am eating well and have clothes and shelter. I continue to read.

I know you told me about one assassination writer that you felt particularly good. I wish you would give me the name again so I might start again there.

This movie has started quite a lot of people thinking and talking. Some of the negative responses are a bit hard to take, but that's what freedom of speech is about.

Yet because someone wants to show a different side of the subject besides the official side is that any reason to call them unpatriotic. I'm referring to Washington Post article. Life of course did a nice unbiased description of the movie. They will probably receive royalties from Zapruder film. Newsweek had comments on either side the negative was very emotional & not very news worthy. I really enjoyed David Ansen's comments. Time's article was quite positive but again they have a financial stake too as Warner Brothers owns them.

I would welcome any and all of  
your comments.

Thanks for reading.

Thanks for writing; encouraging  
a dissenting voice.

If we take everything our government  
tells us as gospel we will surely lose  
more of what democracy means.

Sincerely

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