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Dear Ms. Wertz,

Nancy Rich and Julia Mercer not only are not dependable sources, with all the factual information that is now available you will be and will stay lost in confusion if they reflect the kind of interest you have.

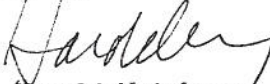
Their importance has been enormously exaggerated by people like Penn Jones. When I knew him he was a fine guy only paranoid beyond belief. And in his weekly there was nothing too impossible for him to present it as real. When almost all simply was not.

Garrison also was unreal, making it up as he went and deceiving and misleading us all, as I am ashamed to admit I was too late in acknowledging to myself. There is not a thing I can remember that Garrison and Boxley brought to light that is both relevant and factual. They did use some of what had been published and sometimes they obscured that and then ruined it by embellishing on it.

The only value ~~in~~ in Rich's testimony that I can recall is the way ~~is used~~ ^{used} it: is this the way to investigate a presidential assassination?

While you may have no interest in them, because all my books are factual and all are based on the official evidence I enclose a list of them.

Sincerely,


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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

I have also researched the John F. Kennedy assassination for many years. I can appreciate the many years you have dedicated to this same endeavor. In my own research, I am particularly interested in locating two women and wonder if you might be able to offer some assistance or direction.

One of these women is NANCY PERRIN RICH. As you know, she testified rather aggressively before the Commission. Mark Lane interviewed her in Lewistown, Maine in April of 1966 for his book RUSH TO JUDGMENT. At that time she was married to a man named Stuart Hamilton. I have been trying to locate her for some time now and the trail is cold. I have found that in 1968, both she and Stuart had relocated to Monmouth, Maine. Apparently Stuart Hamilton died sometime around the early 70's - probably 1972.

I know that Boxley claimed to have interviewed her extensively around 1968 as part of his contribution to the Garrison probe, but I can find no documentation of those interviews. When the Garrison investigation pushed to subpoena her, she allegedly threatened to get her friends at the state police after them if they didn't leave her alone. Penn Jones has stated many years ago, that he also accompanied Boxley on his Dallas rounds in search of information on both Nancy and Robert Perrin, suspecting that Robert Perrin had not died in New Orleans in 1962 after all.

I think it is very unfortunate that Nancy Perrin's testimony was slated by the HSCA investigators in the late 70's to be further researched, yet nothing was done with the assignment. In fact, for them, given her wide experience with so many city and state police departments, locating her should have been a breeze. Perhaps you have even come across her over the years and can share some of your opinions and insights into her activities. If you have additional aliases she might have used

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in the 70's or later, that could also be of help. Of course, at this point, I do not even know if she is still alive. She also had a number of children over the years with various husbands prior to her 1964 testimony.

The second woman I am attempting to locate is JULIA ANN MERCER. Based on Jim Garrison's writings, he has indicated that she married, but I cannot locate the married name to pursue a search. The HSCA did not contact her directly but only seemed to accept a memo from Garrison as "new evidence."

Perhaps you interviewed these two women yourself at some time since 1963? If so, I would love to know your impressions of their stories and reliability. I hope that you can find time in your schedule to reply to this query before you. My best regards to you and your family.

Sincerely,

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