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Dear Donald Willis,

Thanks for the SASE.

What you say appears to be reasonable but if you were aware of more of the established fact I think you'd agree it is not likely.

As my ~~REVER AGAIN!!~~ begins stating, the crime itself was never officially investigated, was never intended to be, and that led it all sorts of seemingly reasonable suspicions that intimate knowledge of the official evidence ~~rules~~ rules out.

I think it is ~~is~~^{not} likely that we will ever know who did it but we can learn more about what happened and who could have been behind it.

It is for these reasons that I stuck entirely to the official evidence and do no conjecturing or theorizing.

There are many little things in the evidence that can be given meaning and beliefs^{that} can come reasonably from those meanings but they are not factual in terms of who did it, how, etc.

Best wishes,



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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

I have been researching JFK assassination material, principally the *Warren Report* and the supplementary *Hearings*, but also books such as your *Whitewash* and *Case Open*. I am concentrating on the Texas School Book Depository part of the story. My research was intended to issue in an article for publication. Instead, it has issued in a double dilemma.

1) Go back to November, 1963, to witness and deputy-sheriff statements and to police radio-log transcripts from 11/22 & 23/63.... In other words, to a time before systematic witness intimidation.

First reports that weekend are that the "sniper's nest" is not on the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository, but on the *fifth floor*. Submitted into evidence: the Tom Dillard photo of the depository, and witnesses' references to a window which was "wide open all the way" (Robert Edwards) or "almost fully open" (Ronald Frazier). Forget whether the witnesses said "fifth" or "sixth." (Originally, though, Edwards and Frazier did say "fifth.") Check the photo: At 12:30 p.m., November 22, 1963, it's the *fifth-floor* double-windows which are "wide open." The FBI got Edwards to change to "sixth," but did not try to explain his reference to a wide-open window. In all, I came across 5 witnesses, 3 Dallas Police officers, and 4 Dallas Sheriff's deputies who originally designated the fifth floor as the sniper's nest. (Surprisingly, only two or three witnesses originally pointed to the sixth floor, and their attention was directed there by the fifth-floor "witnesses.") For instance, the Dallas Police officer who talked to witness Amos Euins changed from "fifth" to "sixth" for the Warren Commission; but, on November 23rd, a deputy sheriff, C.L. Lewis, who talked to Euins also reported "5th floor." (*Hearings*, volume 19, page 527) Like Edwards and Frazier, Sgt. Harkness was forced to change his story.

Oswald was Ruse 1; the sixth floor was Ruse 2, and a ruse so complete that, unlike Oswald, it has never been questioned.

As you said, "The evidence the Commission had disproves its conclusions."

2) My article is now actually more a brief for an indictment, or a series of indictments, against the FBI and the Dallas Police Department, in general, and against the three supposed witnesses from the fifth floor, in particular, who were not just witnesses, but co-conspirators. (At least one of them was, I believe, an actual assassin.) I am not a lawyer. I'm writing to you, as an historian and a lawyer, to get some idea of what my next step might be. I believe there's enough evidence (with citations) in my article to proceed to trial. But where and conducted by whom?

I know this sounds a little incredible. But it's all there--I'll send you a copy of the article if you're interested.... The *Warren Report/Hearings* are thousands of pages; Edwards' one little phrase, "wide open all the way," just kind of got lost for 33 years, I guess, buried, it seems, more or less intentionally under the mountains of material on Oswald and the sixth floor.

Sincerely,

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