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Mr. Harold J. Weisberg
Hyattsville, Md.

My dear Mr. Weisberg:

Like you, I have been extremely skeptical of the Warren Report; but also, like you, I have believed that Oswald was involved. However an entirely different idea came to my mind as to the possible instigator of the crime. Right after it happened a small item appeared in the newspapers giving a remark made by Hoffa to the effect that now he wouldn't be hounded by Bobbie Kennedy and a gangster made the offer over the radio to go to Dallas and pay for a lawyer for Ruby. I cannot verify for you either of these items, but I did not dream them, Mr. Weisberg.

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Knowing how Hoffa works behind the scenes and stops at practically nothing to accomplish his purposes, and further, reading of the police situation in Dallas and Ruby's connection with the so-called "underworld" it seemed entirely possible that Oswald had been framed. That would have been a far better reason for Ruby to kill him than the ridiculous one that Ruby gave. A dead man can tell no tales and Ruby could have relied on Hoffa's known ability to free his henchmen under the law. Judging from the expression on Oswald's face and his lips framing the word "you" when Ruby shot him, my hunch could be correct. The evidence *even* which the F.B.I. did not suppress or overlook, would indicate that a third man, not Oswald, did the killing.

I am writing this to you, wondering if any such idea occurred to you. I read Fred Cook's book on the Hiss trials - in fact I read 4 books on the Hiss case, and the FBI withheld the typewriter which would have cleared Hiss, as they withheld the windshield on the President's car, the holes in which I understand would have proved that the shots did not come from the Book Depository. In the Hiss case it seemed that Nixon and the FBI worked to cover up as did Warren and the FBI in the Oswald case. Why did Warren say that the full story could probably not be known for many years? Can't help thinking the FBI is doing strange things which are not entirely to their credit.

I wish I could afford to buy your book, but I am unable to do so. You are to be commended on trying to get the FACTS out in the open and also on your appearance on the Nebel program last night. Victor Lasky was his usual obnoxious self.

Wishing you a full measure of success,

Very sincerely yours,

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