September 24, 1972

Dear Harold,

This is an extremely belated reply to your most interesting letter of June 30. I was most interested in your comments about the confusing press stories relating to examination of the autopsy pictures.

I wish I knew some way to help you get your latest book published, but I'm afraid that those who are still trying to hush up the whole affair are too powerful.

I also wish I had a suggestion about finding a university willing to accept your works, but I'm afraid the same probably applies there--the government and certain rich patrons might frown on them accepting it.

If you are able to get your book published some way, consider this an order for a copy. I still read and re-read all the books on the subject, and continue to be amazed that the real facts have been successfully covered up for so long.

Here's a suggestion I'd like to make, and with all your contacts, maybe you could set it up. I'd like to see, in November of 1973 (the tenth anniversary), a symposium held in Dallas on the subject of the assassination. Perhaps a vacant theater could be rented, and a week-long event held, featuring numerous speakers, both pro and con, on the subject. You and all the other people who have written books would be on the program. Debates could be held between persons of oposing views. Various slides, photos, and movies could be shown. Garrison could present evidence that proves his New Orleans theories. An admission charge could be made to defray expenses, but it should be a non-profit affair to avoid criticism. I believe interest would be extremely high, both locally and nationally. Dallas officialdom I'm sure would not appreciate such an event, but I'm sure it could be held privately without official sanction, provided enough interesting speakers and exhibits could be lined up. Do you think you could start the ball rolling on something like this?

Thanks again for your interesting letter. Please let me know if anything new develops.

Cordially,

Jack White

9/27/72

Dear Jack,

Let me respond in haste to your letter of the 24th.

In general I agree with your idea. I don't think it can come to pass and I can't justify the time myself. There is too much to do that others are talking about but not doing. If you did not propose it for Dallas I'd not be in agreement. It may wrench your p.r. man's heart, but I believe we are long past the point where an occasional mention to a limited audience serves any useful purpose. Quite the opposite, every time an editor sees something that he can't evaluate or thinks or knows isn't new, his reaction is, "More of that crap!" and then, when something of meaning reaches him, he reacts the same way, probably in most cases not even taking the time to read it.

I also believe we are past the point of theorizing. We have, or some of us have, enough solid fact. This irresponsibile theorizing or worse, presenting wild theories as though there were established fact, has been ruinous and has destroyed the credibility of the few responsibles along with that of the many irresponsible who do and did it. I won't be part of any theorizing, won't even appear where it is to be done. In fact, I have in the past refused. I don't see any prospect of changing. And there are some with whom I would no longer appear in publish, they are that crazy and have done that much harm to truth and credibility.

Good intentions are not nearly enough. We are not selling deodorants!

This is a very serious business.

I don't think anything will work out. If it should under these circumstances, I would be quite willing to be of what help I might. And I can't be part of the organizing of it. I've too far behind in too much work.

Thank and best,