

December 2, 1986

Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

For the past 4 months I have been working hard on my project which I described to you in my Aug. 10, '86 letter (compiling a master list of Dealey Plaza witnesses). The books you sent, especially Photographic Whitewash, have proven to be extremely valuable tools in this venture. Your tireless work has revealed so much suppressed information. I am indebted to you for making so many facts available that otherwise would still be unknown. I only wish more people cared enough to dig further. Sometimes I wonder if the whole truth will ever be known. I can only speak for myself, but personally, I feel an almost mysterious overwhelming force to learn everything I can. It's a fascination that I cannot put aside.

Enclosed you will find a copy of an outline I have compiled with the assistance of Professor Wrone, via mail, in Wisconsin. He thought you might be able to offer some additional suggestions, to make the outline more complete. I should describe exactly what I have in mind. For each of the 400+ witness names I have acquired from MANY sources, I will fill out an outline. Obviously, for many of the witnesses, there will be many categories left blank, simply because of lack of information available. I had originally intended to have one page of categories, and follow each outline with a subjective discussion of the treatment of the person as a witness over the past 23 years. This would include much information made available through your efforts, as well as other responsible critics, as Meagher and Roffman. Many of the subjects have been incorporated into categories, now, but, as you can see on the last page, I have left myself the same option. I should add right away that I intend to footnote EVERYTHING! Anyway, I hope you get a general idea of what I hope to do. My intention is not to make any money from sale of this manuscript, once it is finished, but to provide a base for future research of this particular aspect of the assassination. As a matter of fact, it would be an honor for me to send you one of the very first copies. (I am getting a bit ahead of myself, I realize.)

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after 3pm, 8th
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on way to
DC?

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My family and I are planning to travel to Washington on Jan. 2, arriving on the 3rd. We will stay in the area until closing hours on Friday, Jan. 9, when we will have to begin our trip back. I have exactly 5 working days, and I hope to utilize each of them to the fullest. In your earlier letter you mentioned that if I were ever in the area, I could have a look at your files, is the offer still standing? It would be a real privilege for me to meet you. Our schedule can work around anytime that week that is convenient for you. We are driving out (barring any blizzards), so we could arrange to come up anytime. I know this is not a whole lot of notice, and if the timing is bad, please just tell me. I feel sure that once I have seen the immense material available at the Archives, FBI Reading Room, etc., I will be making many return trips. Five days is not enough, but it is all the time we have, and it will certainly give me an idea of what materials are where. My husband is a concert pianist, but has a keen interest in the assassination, although he doesn't have as much time as I to devote to research. He will be spending his days in the Library of Congress searching for obscure 19th century piano music. We have some friends in Fairfax, so for our 'working days', our 2 small daughters will stay with them.

I am looking forward to coming east. I suppose it's the 'mecca' for assassination researchers. Any help or suggestions you may have concerning my trip, my outline, or otherwise, will be most valued and appreciated. I know you are very busy, and I thank you for taking the time to read this. I hope to hear from you in the coming weeks.

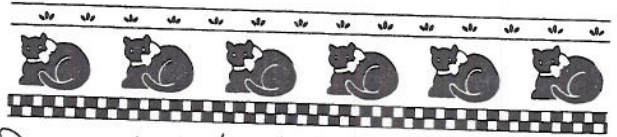
Merry Christmas to you and your family!

Sincerely,

Donna Davis

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P.S. I did write to Mary Ferrell in Sept. & received a nice letter from her w/encouragement for my undertaking!

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12/8/86

Dear Mrs. Davis,

I'll not be able to pay much attention to your outline for a while because I have to work on an appeals court brief. But you are welcome here any time I'm home, which is most of the time. Generally I'm away only for errands and medical reasons. In early January this means after 2:30-3:00 on the 7th and after lunch on the 8th. I have walking therapy every morning and I'm generally home for it by 10:30. If you will be going east on I70 we are about two miles from the closest cloverleaf.

You may have a problem from the great volume of the materials you are going to tackle. Volume amounts to an effective denial of access unless you know what you are looking for. I suggest that you write the Archives in advance and tell them.

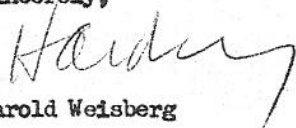
I've never had this specialized interest in witnesses so my subject file may not be rich on them. However, I do have a subject file of some of the official records, I may have a general one on witnesses, and I have name files there and in my general files.

You also may want to speak to the private assassination archive in Washington, 918 F St., NW. Jim Lesar there is too busy right now in litigation but I'm sure he'll do what he can. He is in #509 at that address, phone 202/393-1921.

If you come up from Washington take the beltway, I495, to the fork above River Road and take the left fork there. It is marked Frederick and Rockville. It merges into I270, which loses that identification at the first Frederick exit. It then becomes first US 15 N and then is joined by US 40W. But ~~stay~~ ^{stay} on that road and do not leave it until exit 7, marked Hood College and Fort Detrick. This is a half cloverleaf. You go toward Fort Detrick for about a city block. This means you have lopped under the road on which you were. In about a city block, on the left is the beginning of Shookstown Rd. Stay on it about 3 miles. You will then begin to ascend the mountain, having been in a valley, and about 3-4 blocks after you start going uphill, the first street after you are climbing, is Old Receiver Road. Go right on it about .3 miles to our mailbox, which is large and has the number 7627 on it. If you should want to stop off on the way to Washington, and unless there is a Redskins game at that time you'll be welcome, and if you are on I70E, take the first exit at Frederick. It feeds you into the eastbound lane of US 40 W E. Get into the left lane and in about a city block there is a crossover. It leads into Bowers Road on which, in about another block, you'll turn left. It deadends in Shookstown road at the very bottom of the mountain. Turn left and thereafter the other instructions ~~apply~~ ^{apply} apply. The lane goes only to our home.

I'll read and perhaps annotate your outline when I can. Meanwhile, hope you all have a fine holiday.

Sincerely,


Harold Weisberg