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To Debra Conway and Tom Jones from Harold Weisberg

There was a specific agreement that what Debra asked me to write about the La Fontaines would have any changes submitted to me for my approval before publication. Assuming that would happen, I gave this no further thought until I was sent a copy of the summer edition of your Assassination Chronicles. That leads to the belief that the next issue is due soon. And I've not had a word from you and have seen no edited copy of what I wrote in haste just after leaving the hospital after six weeks of treatment for congestive heart failures and more.

What really gave me pause was reading the modest description of what he says are his accomplishments by your editor on page 26. He may well even believe what he says about himself but that is not in accord with my fortunately limited experiences with him. To give you an idea of the potential for embarrassment in all of this I mention it briefly.

Several years ago when he and Charles Drago were preparing for a gathering at Providence, Rhode Island, as part of a Fourth Decade project, they actually solicited a paper on me as an agent of the government in my assassination work. Their knowledge of the field in which they profess expertise is reflected by their asking one of my dearest and closest friends to write that sick belief of theirs up and deliver it in person. He, of course, declined, with pointedness. I wrote Evica about it. His self-concept if not his expertise kept him from any rational explanation or apology.

When I wrote Jerry Rose about this, his indignant reply and support of the Evica irrationality was that it was justified

because I had not subscribed to his publication!

When Evica can believe that my suing the government more than a dozen times ~~and~~ bringing more than a third of a million pages that had been withheld to light makes me a government agent ~~yy~~ you can see why I do not trust his change of as little as a comma in what I wrote and would bear my name.

If he can believe that my responsibility for the 1974 amending of the investigatory files exemption of FOIA, with which I am credited by Senator Edward Kennedy in the Congressional Record of May 30, 1974, page S 9336, is what makes me in his sick mind a government agent he has defined his real expertise other than he does in his usual great modesty on page 26.

That FOIA amendment, for those not familiar with the Act, is what opened FBI, CIA and similar files to FOIA access. My responsibility for that is what in the mind of your editor makes me their agent?

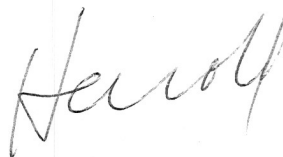
What led to the disclosure of those hundreds of thousands of pages of JFK assassination records makes me an agent? The agencies wanted that to happen that much? After they had succeeded in keeping them secret for all those years?

What led to the exposure of the FBI's Cointelpro outrages and indecencies makes me in the concept of your genius of an editor a government agent?

Is it not time, really past time, to ask what the net effect of all the stupidities and self-promoting of all those towering egos who have added nothing but confusion and error to what can be known about the fact of the assassination what interests they serve? ~~---~~

It is not, as they proclaim, the hallmark of subject-matter expertise. I am sorry not to have heard from you about this but you are not to print a word of what I wrote at DEbra's request without my prior approval of it. It will not be pleasant for either of us if that happens and changes I did not make are made in it to reflect the preconceptions, prejudices and yes, the ignorance of your editor who is so modest in his description of himself.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harold".

Harold Weisberg