

Rt. 8, Frederick, Md. 21701
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Dear Miss Ripani,

Dell is a large corporation. So, it cannot keep books and simple records, like addresses. Therefore, your letter of the 23rd was sent to an address we left more than four years ago. It has just reached me.

Dell's editions are out-of-print, but we still have the original editions of the WHITEWASH series. The only book I have written that is out of print is OSWALD IN NEW ORLEANS. We can supply the others.

You ask if I am being suppressed. Yes and no. The effort is made and it stifles, but that is less than total suppression. I have written books I can no longer afford to publish myself and the publishing industry will print practically nothing on any political assassination unless it favors the official mythology. My effort to obtain what should be public materials is impeded. I have filed three law suits against the government to obtain these things, sometimes succeed, and will be filing more.

Be careful in your selection of reading on this subject. That is difficult because you have no basis of determination so you can't easily tell which is responsible writing. There have been irresponsible critical works, too.

It is possible that there has been intrusion into my mail. I am reasonably confident that this is not the only such surveillance, but detestable as such things are in a society supposed to be free and without them, one must not permit them to interfere in free expression, to change one's beliefs, or to inhibit in any way. If you are "a little girl", I do not fear either the truth being told you or any such silly accusation as you suggest. What I do fear is that I will have difficulty finding time for what you ask. However, if you will save me some time, by enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope and asking questions that can, to the degree possible, be answered by yes or no, I will try.

I do regard this as one of the major issues of the world today because of what it reflects of society and because of the changes wrought by the assassinations, so I am pleased when your people are interested. It will soon enough be their world.

Best regards,

Harold Weisberg