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Dear Mark,

You are right: concentrate on the exam! First things first!

I've not seen Brown's ms or book and I'd forgotten that you are writing one and even what you are writing. Brown said he'd send me the ms but I'm glad he didn't. I'd rather read the book and don't want to read it twice.

I do not have Hickey's address. I told another former agent that I might be able to provide counsel and knew I had enough on Donahue to make it an airtight case and I got no response. Hickey withdrew years ago and does not even answer the phone. Very sad,

In your Oswald/Intelligence piece you cite so atrociously bad books. I'm surprised you did not spot this for yourself. Crossfire and Spy Saga.

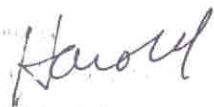
I do not remember any Times editorial on the JAMA bit. If you sent it to me I read it and have it. I am trying to find enough continuous time to do some writing on that. Not easy, too many interruptions.

Perhaps some purpose is served by rebutting all the nutty things that for various reason have been alleged, but Oswald's <sup>do</sup> seems to me to be of little significance.

If you heed such crap as Spy Saga and all the insanity well-meaning Penn Jones published and the incompetent collection of all the nuttiness by Marrs you'll be spinning your wheels endlessly. Marrs is so ignorant he did not even understand some of what he wrote! He knows nothing about the fact. avoids it!

Come to think of it Brown had said he'd be here last month. Haven't heard from him since then and he did not come. He teaches school and said he'd come at the end of classes. Seems by phone to be a nice guy.

Good luck on your exams!



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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I am in receipt of your letter of June 9, 1992.

Thank you for your complimentary statements as they mean quite a lot to me coming from yourself. Alas, the *New York Times* neglected to print my letter, but that was certainly expected. I assume you noticed their July 2, 1992 editorial regarding the JAMA interview?

I have recently been in touch with Walter Brown of New Jersey. I am surprised you never mentioned his work to me since it appears he pre-empted my intended book. His book is due to be published next month and from my discussion with him I fear he has accomplished what I was setting out to do. Of course, this does not mean there is nothing additional to add and I have scheduled a meeting with him early next month to discuss this very point. Thus, I shall reserve my final decision until I review his book.

In any event, I am contemplating writing a book on the USS Iowa explosion and the framing of Clayton Hartwig. As far as I know no one has yet written on the topic and the miscarriage of justice perpetrated by the Navy should be reported on fully. I have also become interested in the Lindbergh kidnaping after reading Ludovic Kennedy's book, The Airman and the Carpenter (1984), which discusses the trial of Hauptmann. If what he wrote is correct, a wrong needs to be rectified.

However, my full attention is now being directed towards the bar examination as but three weeks remain until the fateful day. Accordingly, I must keep this letter brief. By the way I have enclosed an article which I hope you shall find interesting and which will be published shortly in The Third Decade. *John Oswald-Merino*

Best wishes always and I look forward to your next letter.

Sincerely,



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*P.S. Do you have SSA Hickey's address or phone #? I understand he is having trouble securing legal assist and would like to volunteer my services.*