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Dear Mark,

Lardner was on deadline when I spoke to him this week. He's not called back and won't until next week, when he and I may both forget about your Laikoff request. So be ready to remind me. To the degree George can be helpful to me and has been for years. However, the FBI's denial of your request may indicate that the document is classified, was leaked to him under conditions that preclude his letting anyone else have a copy. Have you made the same request of DJ? I think you should.

Nothing new here on those tramps were were not that but were wins on the move. Except that I have the pages referring to their being incarcerated if you do not. I'll be making a separate file on the EPD releases so if you ask for them, remind me where I have them filed.

You are correct in your characterization of those "researchers" who have "their own hidden agendas" and from my experience I would urge you to be skeptical about what they are up to. One possible reason for their unwillingness to share is that they fear their work will not hold up. It is not just to prevent someone else taking and using it. As in the most recent example, Donahue's phony book, Mortal Errors. He knew I did not believe what he theorized and ^{he} did not check his ms with me. His reason is that he knows I'd debunk it. I think his book may lend itself to a redefinition of "malice" in libel cases. His publisher told the Post he "trashed" me in the book and thus I was critical of it. Ridiculous when they knew they'd kept it secret, that I'd neither seen it nor known it was to be published.

What I believe that that there was without question a conspiracy to kill, that it is not part of the coverup, that because the crime itself was never investigated there are no leads for private person to follow and thus that we cannot theorize who conspired responsibly in nonfiction. Whether or not the official coverup was legally a conspiracy I can't say but I am sure that at least some of it was the normal working of the bureaucracy, cover the ass. Because it was conscious possible a case of conspiracy can be alleged against some. Cui boho? can be applied only to eliminate, not to pinpoint. I also think that now more than ever the many books presenting untested and unproven theories as solutions bury truth deeper and bend to protect official miscreants.

For us we are OK, thanks. Good luck with the book I do not remember knowing you were working on.

Sincerely,

February 23, 1992

Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 18, 1992.

I greatly appreciate your assistance with regards to the Washington Post. The article which you responded to should have indicated that the Post was in possession of the document. In any event I have verified that fact through conversations with Isikoff. I sincerely hope Lardner is successful. It is very important that the document be reviewed. The FBI denied my FOIA request for it and I am in the midst of appealing that decision.

I completely agree that the tramps were nothing more than just tramps. My research in the matter has led to some important discoveries and I shall be following up on the leads shortly. I have also become frustrated by the efforts of some of the other researchers in this matter. Everyone seems to be working with their own hidden agendas and are unwilling to share any information that would detract from their glory. They act as if it is some kind of race. I hope that I shall not find myself that way one day.

By the way I have realized that even after reading your books and the many conversations, both written and personal, that we have had over the last three years, I have yet to inquire of you as to what you really believe after 28 years. In but just one or two paragraphs, and for the historical record, I would appreciate a brief insight into the 28 years of work of Harold Weisberg.

On other matters, I am nearly finished with a rough draft outline of my book. I will send you a copy shortly. Again, hope all is well and give my best to your wife.

Sincerely,



Mark S. Zaid