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Dear Mr. Phiri,

Your letter dated February 3 was not postmarked until April 12. In it you asked for review copies of my books. I provide what I can, beginning with explanations. First, of my typing. I'm 77 and have been in impaired health for years and must sit with my legs elevated, with the typewriter to one side.

We have to have a uniform policy and to be able to provide free copies we save and use damaged copies that can still be used. Review copies of books from 5 to 25 years old are not the normal practise and were I to make an exception it would confront me with problems.

Because yours is a black nation, I am making one exception: the enclosed copy of my book on the assassination of Dr. King is one we could sell. There is no charge for it.

I cannot enclose a copy of my first book, the first of the four of the Whitewash series. It was the first on the work of the Warren Commission and it is still in demand. It also is used in colleges and universities, as a text and as collateral reading. My situation precludes a normal printing, of which there have been about a dozen. However, we do keep it available in an actual-size xerox edition of high quality and with a durable binding. We have searched and we do not have a copy not suitable for sale, hence I do not enclose it.

I did not publish Oswald In New Orleans myself and it has long been out of print.

These books are not like the others on the political assassinations here. I do not theorize conspiracies or whodunits. I make no pretense of solving the crime in that sense, as virtually all the other books do. Rather I have made a rather large study of how the basic institutions of our society worked in these times of great stress and since then. As you will see, they all failed. Then and since then.

Under our Freedom of Information Act I have sued the government repeatedly and have and will leave an archive of about a third of a million pages of once-withheld government records. Most come for the very reluctant FBI. After my death they will be a permanent, public archive at local Hood College and will be accessible to all, including, of course, students.

Because we are in the country, we ask that payment for ordered copies be in U.S. currency. Otherwise the cost of conversion for us exceeds what we charge for the books. We ask also that the cost of surface mail be estimated and added. For most people the cost of air mail is prohibitive.

I am sorry I cannot include a copy of the first of the "hitewash series because those that followed it presumed reader knowledge of its content. However, I think you will not find the others hard to comprehend.

If I may make a suggestion to anyone reading these books as a student or as a reporter, it is that comprehension of the role and functioning of the Presidential Commission will be easier if two of the transcripts of its executive sessions that I published are read first. That of 1/22/64 begins on page 475 of Post Mortem, my last book. Then the text of the 1/27/64 session, which is reproduced in facsimile in Whitewash IV. I think the text of this book will mean more if read as the last of that series. And I think that Post Mortem should be read last of the JFK books.

All these books have withstood time's testing. There is no error of any consequence in any of them and almost no insignificant errors. Best wishes, Harold Weisberg

Harold Weisberg

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Dear Sir,

REQUEST FOR REVIEW COPIES

We are writing to request for review copies of your publication.

The reviews will be published in our magazines and occasional periodicals which are distributed all over the African continent.

Although targeted at mass media institutions such as newspapers and magazines or service also provides a reference and advisory service to learning institutions and social development organisations.

If our request is accepted, we hope to send you copies of the reviews we publish as well as those published by the other institutions we service.

We anxiously wait to hear from you,

Yours Faithfully,

Knox Phiri
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