

June 9, 1967

Mr. William Manchester
c/o Harper and Row, Publishers
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Manchester:

Since you were commissioned by Robert F. Kennedy, who was the U.S. Attorney General and is now Senator, to write the historical record of "The Death of a President," John F. Kennedy-- I am pointing out several inaccuracies in your recording of history in references to the undersigned.

After having sat in on the official investigation and occupied an office in the National Archives, you called and contacted people for interviews as the appointed, entrusted representative commissioned by the Kennedys, as you stated your position to me over the telephone.

Your statements referring to me as retired are false. The truth is officially recorded and was so recorded under the administration of the two Kennedys. I am not "retired." I am "resigned."

You list my name as one of the people whom you interviewed--which alleges my responsibility, in part, for your views and the historical record produced by you and Robert F. Kennedy.

Since you list my name among those with whom you had a face-to-face personal interview (as though I were one of them)-- this listing under this pretext and connotation is false. I have never seen you.

You repeated this falsehood on NBC's "Meet the Press" program Feb. 12, 1967, by stating that Marina Oswald "... was the one person who declined to see me."

Your attempt to get an appointment with me through two telephone calls while you were in Dallas was unsuccessful. An appointment was denied by the answer that our interests had too little in common to waste the time.

The importance that you placed upon yourself and your mission through Kennedy backing and commissioning was immediately recognized as an approach so unacceptable that it was foolish and brazen. It was particularly so because of my RESIGNATION, which officially freed me from ever having to deal with any Kennedys or from participating in any of their activities or recordings.

You, your commissioner and your publisher are hereby informed that the printing and further distribution or dissemination of any and all references to me (references which include other false insinuations in texture and which fall equally under the pretext of my being a conferee in a historical record) are objected to. It is within my rights to tell you to disseminate these statements, the distribution and dissemination of them, and any references to me, at once.

Equally yours,

Edwin A. Walker

cc: Harper and Row, Publishers
 Sen. Robert F. Kennedy
 Sen. Richard Russell
 Sen. James O. Eastland
 Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
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 President of NBC
 Mr. Wes Gallagher, AP
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