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To: The Pulitzer Prize

Attention: Bud Kliment acting Administrator and all members of the Pulitzer Board

Copies to those listed in the 33rd Annual Poet's Market 2020 and copied onto my website https://drjohnworldpeacejdversuspulitzerorg.com

Via email to Pulitzer@Pulitzer.org

Re: Dr John WorldPeace JD submission for the 2020 Pulitzer Poetry Prize

A few days ago, in my ongoing searches regarding the Pulitzer Prize, I came across the following book which I purchased in hardcopy on Amazon.com.

The Pulitzer Prize Archive
Part F: Documentation
Volume 17:
Heinz-Dietrich Fischer
Complete Historical Handbook of the Pulitzer Prize System 1917-2000

And today through further research I found

Chronicle of the Pulitzer Prizes for Poetry: Discussions, Decisions and Documents (Pulitzer Prize Archive) by <u>Heinz-D. Fischer</u> (Editor) 484 pages Published August 19, 2009

These books indicate that there are significant documents regarding the selection of the submissions for the Pulitzer Poetry Prize for 2020 that are in the care custody and control of you, Bud Kliment. In the introduction of these books, there is a notation that you provided documents from the Pulitzer Archive to Heinz-Dietrich Fischer to write his books on the Pulitzer Prize. Those books put Pulitzer Prize Archive which you maintain in the public domain.

I am requesting copies of all documentation of any nature related to the 2020 Pulitzer Poetry Prize that references my 2020 4 Volume Submission: Dr John WorldPeace JD Complete Poems 1970-2019. 2,628 pages

This would include copies of my submissions where the interns, jurors, judges, etc annotated my submission. 3 copies were sent to the Pulitzer Prize.

It also includes my emailed submission.

My position since the award of the 2020 Pulitzer Prize in May 2020, is that the Pulitzer never read my submission. Never considered my submission.

The Pulitzer Prize Archive (books) summarizes all the discussions, decisions, and documents related to the various prizes are held in the actual Pulitzer Prize Archive from 1917 to present.

I want to make clear that I am very serious and dedicated to finding out what happened to my submission.

I would note that I practiced law for 20 years, 1984 to 2003. I do not know how I am going to proceed in this matter at this time. I am still gathering evidence, but I do not need to hire a lawyer to proceed. So do not assume that because your are not getting an attorney letter that this is not a serious matter.

You should provide me with every bit of documentation that references me and my 2020 submission. And the full content of those references.

The guestions to be answered are:

- 1) Was my submission read by anyone.
- 2) If read, was it read completely, as in all 2,628 pages

The majority of submissions for the Pulitzer Poetry Prize are 100 pages and the collections, selections and complete poem submission are about 250 pages. I assume all submissions are read cover to cover.

My metric is in a situation like 2020 where the winner and two nominations were about 100 pages each, if my submission of 2,628 pages contained 100 pages that were better than the 100 pages that won, I should have won. I would say that I had more than 250 pages of poems that were better than the 100 page winners.

I have seen in the Fischer Archive Books that the average number of submissions per year were about 70 books but the number of submissions was not referenced for every year 1917 to 2000. I did find it interesting that of all the published poets in America, that this would be the average number of submissions.

A head's up:

I submitted 4 poetry books for the 2022 Pulitzer Prize. I submitted none for 2021.

A Third Thousand Petal Zen Lotus Poems 3200 to 3400 57 pages Raw White Racism 74 pages

Eastern Religion as Poetry 458 pages Dr John WorldPeace JD Complete Poems 2021 January to September 733 pages

I expect that all these books will be read cover to cover.

Very sincerely, Dr John WorldPeace JD February 1, 2022