

Dear Editor, LAF-12/14/67

At the not unacceptable risk of being considered square and humorless, I must say again that I was dismayed that you saw fit to print the "More Blowup" letter, from one George Simpson, in your December 8 issue.

When I spoke to you about this, you said you believed the strain of the years I've spent working on the case had affected my judgement - I believe your words were "...have done funny things to your mind" - and robbed me of a sense of humor.

The latter I can certainly agree with, if by that you mean I can find nothing funny in a rather sick pornographic parody on a picture story which showed Kennedy as his brains were being blasted out, and a probable assassin, gun in hand, in the background.

On the other hand, I must wonder at the standards of one who, having described himself as a historian, and having spoken as one who has some understanding of what the terrible and historic implications of this case may well be, may nevertheless deem a serious attempt to bring the truth into the open a proper target for such "humor" (I note that you thought well enough of Simpson's garbage to draw attention to it with a front page notice).

As I told you, your decision makes it impossible for me to cooperate further with the Free Press, unless a prompt front-page apology to the public, one submitted to me for advance approval, appears in an early issue.

Sincerely,
Raymond Marcus

(We sincerely regret that Ray Marcus, who has spent the last four years of his life in a heroic search for the truth about the Kennedy assassination and who is only now beginning to get long overdue recognition for his analysis of the photographic evidence, was so offended by the Simpson letter as to write the above.)

For years George Simpson has been known to the KPFF-FM audience as a man with a rare sense of humor. We do not believe that his letter was intended to or actually did detract attention from serious consideration of the Moorman photograph blowup which Ray Marcus brought to the FP for publication.

We offered the Simpson letter in the same spirit as we offer the drawing on the next page i.e. every man has the right to present his own unique view. In this sense we don't feel the need to apologize to our readers but we do feel a need to reassure Ray of our appreciation of the Warren Commission Report critics. We do hope that our differences about the Simpson letter do not preclude further collaboration. (The editor).