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Not sent

Dear Dr. Abbott,

I did not receive any reply to my recent letter taking issue with the neo-McCarthyite characterization of Edgar Eugene Bradley which had appeared in your Newsletter, which resorted to using exactly the same technique of innuendo and defamation as the Radical Right in order to discredit one of its apparent apostles. Well, I did not really expect an answer...

But I see from a borrowed copy of the 17 August 1968 Newsletter that Mr. Nichols was courteous and gracious enough to "even" thank me for my "criticism" (rather a mild description). I am sorry that you did not choose to give your readers even a hint of the nature of my objections, but I can understand your disinclination to have my position judged on its merit.

I was also interested to note, in the borrowed copy of the Newsletter, a footnote reference to my article "Wheels Within Deals..." in the piece signed by Mr. Nichols. I hope that he has also read my article "Three Assassinations" in the current Minority of One. Upper case and imprecations to God notwithstanding, I do find it difficult to heed the appeal to the critics to stop attacking each other. Does Mr. Nichols suggest that a critic should enjoy immunity from criticism by his colleagues even when he goes so far as to purvey a wholly false story of emissaries from RFK to the New Orleans prosecutor?

Even less is it possible to heed the exhortation to the critics to "SUPPORT JIM GARRISON!" If it was not mischievous and a disservice to legitimate assaults on the fraudulent Warren Report, it would be merely comical for anyone still to pretend that the preposterous and defunct Garrison "investigation" was in any sense a pursuit of the truth.

While declining to accept Mr. Nichols' appeals, I would like to urge him in particular and the Newsletter in general to abjure the technique of substituting defamatory epithets for factual evidence, as in the Bradley episode. This can only compromise and discredit the entire critics' effort to expose the Warren Report for the false document it is, and despite our irreconcilable differences I do feel sure that we are all committed to that objective, at least.

Yours sincerely,

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