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Mr. Art Kevin
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Dear Mr. Kevin,

Recently I read with very great interest the transcript of your telephone report on the Clay Shaw trial then in progress in New Orleans, which appeared in the San Diego AIC Newsletter. I also listened with equal interest to a tape of the Pacifica broadcast in which you and Art Kunkin discussed the outcome of the trial, and the role which had been played by Garrison during the last two years.

I felt that I should not allow the occasion to pass without at least writing to express my gratification and relief that at least one of Garrison's fans has been honest and stoic enough to acknowledge publicly that the New Orleans district attorney has turned out to be a blatant charlatan, demagogue, and blunderer. As a matter of fact, to the best of my knowledge, you are the only one of the Garrison clique to have faced the bitter truth about the man and refused to indulge in ludicrous apologies for his bankruptcy as a prosecutor and as a so-called "critic" of the Warren Report. You are therefore due special thanks, as the Kunkins and other die-hards conversely are deserving of nothing but contempt for their asinine excuses and their moral abdication.

You are unfortunately quite right in predicting that Garrison's preposterous campaign has destroyed all prospects for legitimate research and criticism for at least three to five years--that is the very danger against which I had been trying for two years to warn my fellow-critics. They insisted that Garrison must have his day in court. Although it was implicit in their position that they were willing to stand or fall on the outcome of the trial--indeed, Mark Lane explicitly undertook to do so, in the taped interview which was played toward the end of your broadcast, only to violate his pledge within days of the verdict by refusing in a published letter to accept the acquittal--not one of Garrison's handmaidens has had the common decency to admit how great a fiasco took place in the courtroom. They will not "kick him when he is down" (some say), but neither would they kick him when he was up, despite every justification and necessity for repudiating his gross fabrications. Apparently they will not disassociate from this incorrigible slob under any circumstances, however mortifying, so long as he parrots (as he recognizably does) the political cliches and sophomoric rhetoric peculiar to one or another of these pseudo-liberals, pseudo-leftists, and pseudo-civil libertarians. (It might be a different story had he only accused the SDS or the Black Panthers--how readily his bombast would have been recognized for what it was!)

Well, these easily-seduced simpletons have accomplished what the Establishment and its press lackies could not achieve despite their best efforts--they have aided and abetted a clumsy loudmouth in killing off all authentic challenges to the Warren Report. They have to carry a dreadful moral and material responsibility for this tragic debacle, whether or not they are honest enough to admit it.

Again, I should like to thank you for speaking out uncompromisingly on this issue. As I do not know an address for you, I am directing this letter to the San Diego AIC in the hope that it will be forwarded to you.

Yours very sincerely,



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