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Ms. Charlotte Curtis
Editor - The Op-Ed Page
The New York Times
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Dear Ms. Curtis:

I was a bit surprised to turn to the op-ed page yesterday to find Mr. Ely's piece defending the Warren Report. Pieces such as this one were common when the op-ed page was compiled under the editorial eye of Harrison Salisbury -- something which was not particularly hard to fathom in view of Mr. Salisbury's record as an outspoken defender of the official findings in the assassination of President Kennedy. I had hoped, however, that the departure of Mr. Salisbury would lead to some balance on this issue.

I have been reading the op-ed page since its inception, and since I have long been interested in the Warren Commission controversy, I am especially watchful for articles on this issue. Unless I have been less vigilant than I believe to be the case, there has never been an article on the op-ed page of The New York Times which took issue with any of the central findings of the Warren Commission. There have, on the other hand, been numerous articles by defenders like Renatus Hartogs (whose interest in his patients' anatomies were about as professional as his sojourns into Oswald's psyche), David Belin, and Priscilla Johnson McMillan (who acknowledged in a recent public discussion that in view of her writing and studies, "I have a vested interest in [Oswald] having done it.").

If in the interest of supplying some balance to your readers you are interested in now publishing a piece dealing with the case against the Warren Report, I would be happy to do one for you or to steer you toward someone else who could do it. I have enclosed a few samples of my published work to establish my credentials as an authority on the subject.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours

David Belin