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Sylvia dear-

A long time ago I promised myself that as far as Warren-Defender articles go, it would be stiff-upper-lip and forget it! In other words, I swore I wouldn't waste eyes, time and energy trying to refute them, fallacious sentence by sentence. Suddenly, however, I find I'm doing little else! The Weaver articles (there have now been 2 successive ones), sniveling and degrading as they are, somehow spurred me into action and now there seems to be no stopping me. I'm enclosing the second Weaver refutation because, in some ways, I think it's better than the first - shorter and sweeter! WEST magazine, the Sunday, L.A. TIMES supplement which published W.'s stuff has promised me a "Letters to the Editor" spot, which is nothing to shout about but I'll settle for nearly anything, at this point, just to get some of my fire unleashed at him. Tomorrow morning I'm going down there to see the Editor with the second refutation, which he's not yet seen and some other documents and a few of my pamphlets. I'm going to force them to read the stuff and hope, against hope, that I can somehow persuade them to condense my 2 pieces into one and make an article out of them instead of having to settle for the piddling, completely unsatisfactory "Letter".

Also, enclosed, is a copy of the piece I wrote in answer to that stinking NEWSWEEK article (12/5/66). As I said on the 'phone, I haven't the slightest prayer that they'll do more than toss it in the wastebasket even before reading it, but I had to get it off my chest, nevertheless. "Nothing ventured..."

Weisberg is due here next Saturday. Bill has arranged "a working lunch" for him with Ray and me in attendance. I don't know quite what that will prove but we feel we have to do something in the way of providing a means of exchanging some ideas. What you said about "Son of Whitewash" is most distressing! It's the rottenest luck that, when there are so few of us a couple of us have to be so vulnerable.

I immediately cautioned both Ray and Bill re the conversation with Lifton. They both, of course, promised not to divulge the information and I know that we can count on that.

I've just taken the liberty of mailing my first Weaver piece to Arnoni. I converted the specific references to Weaver into a more general kind of attack. I doubt if it's useable but I thought he might be interested in seeing it. I also mentioned that you had said he plans to be out here in mid-January and told him how much we are all looking forward to seeing him and to welcoming him. I hope I did the right thing.

Imagine! After all the time they used up interviewing me and after all the to-do about the contract, etc., Schiller and his henchman left here that day and I haven't heard hide nor hair of them since! I threw their contract in the trash-basket but what a hang-up that whole thing was. I don't frankly get their point in wasting my time the way they did.

So many, many thanks for your letters and calls which continue to be an enormous lift! Don't work too hard and feel better, dear. Bill and Ray join me in sending you all sorts of warm and admiring thoughts and greetings. Keep us posted, at your convenience, on the medic. bit!

Much love,

Maggie

* What an intelligent dog we have! He bit him!