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Dear Cedric:

To answer your letter. Yes, I read the Garrison interview in Playboy before I wrote the editorial about him. In that interview, he truly made sense. The problem is that his function was not to be that of a sensible social critic but that of a district attorney who came across evidence in the assassination case. He led us to expect of him precisely this. He had promised specific evidential material, procedure, arrests, trials, etc. The fact that he now instead tries to have the appeal of a general social critic can only add to apprehension about him, for it further reinforces the also otherwise derived impression that he has much less to show in the capacity of a district attorney in this case.

It would require a very voluminous correspondence for me to elaborate on everything that has led me to change my attitude from enthusiastic support to opposition, and even contempt, for Garrison. I wish, however, to assure you that in writing what I did I did not act out of naivete or haste, but in full awareness of what I was doing. It is my considered judgment that that man is phony, that he is a careerist and opportunist, dishonest enough to follow the Hollywood maxim that any, absolutely any, publicity is better than none; that even if he should ultimately compromise himself, the publicity gained in the meantime will outweigh any loss of face. This portrait of him by now derives not only impressionistically, but from a computer-like dissection of many of his statements, procedures, etc.

Even among the most ardent Garrison supporters are some who concede his dishonesty; among his voluntary co-workers are some who concede (privately) that what he has on the assassination is nothing but a bubble--yet, these people do not withdraw their support for as some of them explain (one in a long letter I just received), since Garrison is against the people who should be opposed, they don't give a hoot whether in opposing them he is truthful or not, fair or not, just or not. Well, I do care. Indeed I have more in common with an honest reactionary (to the extent to which this combination is possible) than I have with a dishonest rebel.

It is time for us to think about your next contribution to TMO. I know that I can fully leave the choice of topic to you.

With warm regards,

Menahem

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