

Mr. Clay Shaw  
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Dear Mr. Shaw,

Although this is the first time that I have attempted to contact you, I have reason to believe that you are already aware that I regard the District Attorney of the Parish of New Orleans as a dangerous charlatan and an unscrupulous demagogue. From the public record and other information available to me, I am convinced that you and others accused by Mr. Garrison are completely innocent of the charges and that you have been most unjustly victimized on the basis of specious and spurious "evidence" and on testimony from witnesses who have absolutely no claim to credence.

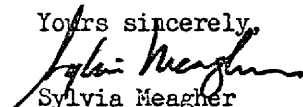
Holding such convictions, I am naturally encouraged by the vigorous efforts being made by those accused by Garrison, and by their defense counsel or other legal representatives, to oppose and resist the prosecution by resort to all possible legal measures. At the same time, I am greatly disturbed to read in the press that your attorneys have petitioned the Federal District Court at New Orleans to rule that the Warren Report is "valid, accurate, binding and controlling upon all courts in the United States."

As you may know, I am the author of the Subject Index to the Warren Report and the Hearings and Exhibits, as well as the book, Accessories After The Fact: The Warren Commission, The Authorities, and the Report, in which I have tried to facilitate study by researchers and historians as well as to record the results of my own intensive and comprehensive work on the case. That work has proved that the Warren Report is neither valid nor accurate, as I consider has been amply demonstrated in Accessories as well as in other works, by Edward Jay Epstein, Leo Sauvage, J. D. Thompson, and still other critics who, like myself, consider the Garrison "investigation" a wretched farce and abuse of power.

I should like to appeal to you, and through you to your attorneys, to reconsider the petition with respect to the status of the Warren Report. I am compelled to assume that your understandable concern to defend yourself against unfounded and malicious charges has left you without time or inclination to make a detailed examination of the Warren Report and the 26 volumes of testimony and exhibits, or of the critical literature, and that the petition was made by your attorneys in good faith. But they are completely mistaken. The Warren Report is a false and pernicious document. To give it legal and binding force would be no less a travesty of justice than your conviction on the Garrison charges, and a disservice to history and the integrity of our jurisprudence.

Should the petition with respect to the status of the Warren Report be entertained by the three-judge federal panel, I would consider it my urgent and foremost duty to seek to testify, as a friend of the Court, as to the fraudulent character of the Report, and to urge my fellow-critics to do the same. I should be most appreciative if you would consult with your attorneys on this matter with a view to nullifying the petition with respect to the Warren Report. In closing, I should like to reiterate my confidence that you will be exonerated, by fact and by truth, and that those responsible for your cruel predicament will meet with implacable justice.

Yours sincerely,

  
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