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Dear Mr. Joesten,

I am happy to learn from your letter of 23rd April that you are well and still at work, though sorry to hear that you find yourself unable to continue the subscription which you offered me in your letter of 2nd September 1968, under conditions which I have earnestly met in reciprocation. Had you let me know earlier, I would not have been perplexed, but apparently you misunderstood my views. While it is true that I regard Garrison as an inherently absurd and malignant man who has done very great damage to the whole effort of the critics' community, the fact that you hold quite different views does not destroy my interest in the Truth Letter (or I would have asked you long ago to stop sending it). On the contrary, I am ready to consider seriously and objectively any arguments offered in Garrison's behalf, and to acknowledge any merit which those arguments may have.

I would hope, of course, that my own arguments would also receive serious consideration, as to fact and logic, especially when they have been sustained after the passage of time by positive or negative events. For example, on the alleged FBI TWX message, even under your criteria my position seems fully vindicated by the fact that the prosecution failed to call William S. Walter as a witness at the trial, nor Mark Lane, nor was his affidavit introduced into evidence or mentioned. (Also strangely absent from the courtroom was the recanting and re-recanting Fred Leemans, who supposedly could establish a link between Shaw and Oswald, and who provided Garrison with such triumphant publicity only weeks before the trial.)

But, in any event, I certainly do not wish to impose a financial burden on you, and I do wish to see the issues I have missed (No. 13 of March 15, 1969 and subsequent copies). I therefore enclose my check for a three-month subscription at the 50% discount you kindly offered me, to begin with No. 13.

Now, on quite a different and delicate matter which has nothing to do with the assassination(s), I should like to ask your advice. Is there any agency or service through which it is possible to check on the validity of a person who claims to have been in a number of concentration camps during 1940-1945 and on the truthfulness of his account of his sufferings? I have become suspicious about a particular individual, who may well have been in the concentration camps, as he claims, but perhaps as a spy or collaborator with the Nazis. (He was Polish, not German.) I will be grateful for any suggestions you may have.

Yours sincerely,

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