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Dear Mr. Joesten,

A further comment on the Mark Lane/Garrison allegations of "emissaries from RFK" (March 1 issue, page 5): Robert Kennedy was to speak at Tulane University but on March 29, 1968 he said that he would not enter New Orleans unless he was given protection against a Garrison subpoena. On 19 April 1968 Mark Lane attacked Robert Kennedy in a hostile article which appeared in the Los Angeles Free Press. I suggest that these additional facts are completely inconsistent with either the Lane or the Garrison versions of "emissaries" or of any sympathetic understanding with RFK or his intermediaries.

One understands your one-line editorial on the outcome of the Clay Shaw trial. What can be said, after all, after such a humiliating collapse of the prosecution "case"? Or about the re-indictment a few days later of Shaw on perjury charges? The analogy with the Alger Hiss case is self-evident.

For almost two years now, Garrison's supporters have insisted that he must have his day in court. Many of my colleagues and former colleagues among the critics of the WR have urged me time and again to suspend judgment until Garrison could bring his evidence into court. Now the trial has taken place, with the prosecution given every latitude, and the jury has reached a unanimous verdict on the first ballot. But those who insisted on a trial now insist that the verdict be disregarded and automatically impugned.

I want no part of such "due process" or such "justice." Everything that I have said about Garrison publicly and privately for almost two years has been completely vindicated by that very trial on which his faithful adherents staked their case, and they have had a mortifying failure and rebuff whether or not they are willing to admit it. With this said, I will take no more of my time, or yours, in further efforts to introduce fact or logic into a discussion where they receive not the slightest respect from my adversaries. The Warren Report is one of the most infamous frauds ever perpetrated, and I will continue to say so to my dying day; but it is not the only such fraud.

Yours sincerely,

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