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Dear Steve,

Thank you for your letter of the 19th. It is more a question of "sad feelings" than "bad feelings." I do not insist that everyone must share my opinions on questions where there is real ground for differences of judgment or evaluation. The issue of the Garrison investigation is not one of those questions, any more than the Warren Commission. There are no grounds for condoning the misrepresentation of evidence, the reliance on witnesses who lack all semblance of credibility, or the accusations against Oswald and others on the most flimsy and contemptible "evidence," whether it is the Commission or Garrison who is resorting to such dirty methods.

While it is not a question of opinions which diverge but a fundamental moral issue which is at stake, I think that I do understand how difficult it is for some of those involved to give up the ghost, where Garrison is concerned. I found it hard myself to have to acknowledge that he is an irresponsible charlatan, at best, after the high hopes he had generated in all of us at the beginning. While I do not have "bad feelings" toward you, as I have already said, neither do I find it possible to be associated with, or to collaborate with, any group which is actively supporting and serving Mr. Garrison. I continue to believe that Oswald is entirely innocent, and I regard the so-called "evidence" of his conspiratorial associations with Ferrie, Shaw, etc., as wholly unsupported by credible fact.

I am deeply disappointed and regretful that many of the critics continue to be allied with Mr. Garrison, sewers and .45's notwithstanding, and I am convinced that nothing less than the strictest standards of evidence will ultimately serve our common objective of uncovering the whole truth.

Yours very sincerely,