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Dear Mr. Hochsberg,

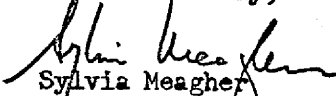
Forgive me if I withdraw my agreement to your request that I read and comment on your Win Magazine article on the Garrison "investigation." I started to look at it last night, planning to read it carefully later in the week, and got as far as page 6.

There I saw the flat statement that "To the New Orleans homosexual community, Clay Shaw is known as 'Clay Bertrand,' a wealthy man to whom they can turn when they need legal help." The allegation that Clay Shaw has used the alias "Clem Bertrand" or "Clay Bertrand" is one of the charges to be weighed at Shaw's trial, which is still in process of jury-selection. You and your co-author apparently did not find it necessary to await the outcome of the trial but have tried to convict Shaw in the press. That is an unconscionable violation of his rights as a defendant, a disregard of his entitlement to the presumption of innocence, and a breach of due process.

I feel no inclination or obligation to read any further. I need only reiterate that my position on the Garrison "investigation" remains the same as indicated to you and your colleague during your visit in July 1968; and express my regret and dismay that an admirable organization like the War Resisters League should have seen fit to publish a work which is an affront to justice, both in form and substance, and which can only be a disservice to the uninformed or gullible reader.

Let me add that I remain absolutely unyielding in my contempt for the Warren Report, which is a fraud and an abomination which I will never cease to denounce. The same description serves also to characterize the Garrison "investigation." As I said in a letter to an editor some time ago, one is not obliged to take sides in a gang war in which both sides show utter contempt for truth and for justice.

Yours sincerely,


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