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Mr. Evan Thomas  
Chairman, Harper  
Editorial Board  
Harper & Row  
49 East 33 Street  
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Dear Mr. Thomas,

Since you appear to view manuscripts dealing with the assassination primarily in pecuniary terms, however self-denying they may be, please be advised that my articles in The Minority of One were unpaid.

Now that I have been stimulated to thought about a financial balance sheet, I can assure you that I am trying to keep my losses, not my profits, to a minimum--losses in rest, sleep, well-being, and respect for my fellow-countrymen in high places as well as losses in dollars.

Certainly I am awed by the sheer originality and sanctimoniousness of the view that it is less important to inform the public about the deficiencies of the Warren Report and the need for a new search for the truth than to abjure any profits which might accrue from the publication of facts about the case, in the unlikely event that the book did not lose money. But sermons against profiteering from the tragedy of the assassination are better directed to the members and lawyers of the Warren Commission and their respective publishers than to the handful of ordinary citizens who have refused to accept in silence a gross miscarriage of justice.

Your interesting policy as Chairman of the Harper Editorial Board surely should be borne in mind when a history is written, as eventually it must be, of the role played by the media of information in the aftermath of the assassination.

Yours very truly,

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