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Mr. A. C. Spector
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Dear Mr. Spector,

Re: Truman Capote interview

That Truman Capote "believes" the Warren Report to be correct in all its essentials, and to be flawed only by "minor technical errors and omissions" suggests that he is insufficiently acquainted with the Warren Commission's own records (the 26 volumes of the Hearings and Exhibits) and with the responsible critical literature. These establish indisputably that the Warren Report is deformed by deliberate misrepresentation and even alteration of fact, and that vital evidence such as spectrographic test results and crucial films and photographs remain suppressed, in some instances without even a pretense of legitimate purpose.

Capote's relegation of the critics of the Warren Report to the ranks of "vultures" who are looking for "an easy way to make a living" compounds his ignorance with malice. The critics include persons who were quite gainfully employed, and even some of independent wealth; most of us are out-of-pocket by substantial sums unhesitatingly spent in pursuit of a deeply-held conviction that a shameful miscarriage of justice had to be reversed. But, like some other apologists for the Warren Report, Capote finds it easier to indulge in name-calling than to refute the facts brought to light by the critics.

I do not, of course, consider Garrison one of the critics of the Warren Report, notwithstanding his pretensions. Capote is quite correct in deeming the Garrison "case" nothing but a lot of hot air and I can endorse all of his remarks on this subject. Which proves that if anyone talks long enough, he is bound to say something sensible.

Yours sincerely,

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P.S. The above letter may be published only if printed in its entirety, and I will be grateful to see the tearsheet if the letter is used. If only an excerpt from my letter is to be published, I reserve the right of prior approval. (Sorry to be so legalistic, but I have been burned.)