

7 April 1969

Mr. Bernard Fensterwald, Jr.  
Committee to Investigate Assassinations  
927 - 15th Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Bud,

My position with respect to membership in the Committee, set forth in my letters of 18 October and 7 December 1968, remains unaltered and unalterable.

I regret this, so far as you personally are concerned, since you have been unfailingly courteous and generous. I have every appreciation, too, for the skill and determination with which you presented the critics' case before Judge Halleck—only to have Garrison snatch defeat from the jaws of victory.

If I disavowed any association with that gentleman before, the outcome of the hearing in Washington and the Shaw trial in New Orleans can only intensify my unwillingness to join in any activities involving Garrison. If I may say so, I am amazed that you should be willing to do so despite your own experience and the dismaying fiasco in New Orleans.

To be quite clear, let me add that my objections to Garrison apply equally to certain of the prospective directors and members whose names accompanied your letter of 11 October 1968, whom I regard as lacking in elementary intelligence, judgment, integrity, and commitment. I will of course continue to express my views on Garrison and his collaborators, freely and fully, whenever the occasion presents itself.

With sincere regret,

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