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Dear Mr. Levine:


This is in acknowledgment of your letter of February 16.

Deleting that material from the book review in question involved routine editing in line with a long-standing policy of the paper.

Our book reviewers are granted full freedom to write whatever they wish about the books and authors they are dealing with, but we do not permit personalized editorials in the book columns. The same reviewer would be free to write the same thing for the editorial page, the op-ed page or the Sunday Magazine, but the book columns are not intended for that kind of editorializing.

The New York Times did not refuse to publish the findings of its own investigation into the Kennedy assassination for the simple reason that there were no findings. The investigation was discontinued when it became apparent that no new evidence or facts were being turned up beyond those already dealt with by the Warren Commission.

Sincerely,

  
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