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Dear George,

The best answer to your question of 4/28/69 is the enclosed copy of my letter of 10/18/68 to Fensterwald. Recently he again asked me to join his committee and I replied on 4/7/69 that my decision remained unaltered and unalterable. I also said in the same letter "...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."

You can judge from the terms in which I twice refused to be on the committee whether there is a vestige of truth to the story you were given. It is true that I had some contacts with Fensterwald and gave him some help in connection with the hearing before Judge Halleck on the autopsy photos and X-rays, taking that course as a lesser evil than permitting the 1968 panel report (Russell Fischer et al) to remain completely unchallenged. But I made it crystal-clear, repeatedly, that even that limited cooperation was given with utmost reluctance and that I insisted that it be understood properly and in no way whatsoever interpreted as any modification of my position on Garrison, his handmaidens, and the committee. I told Fensterwald clearly, on the phone as well as in correspondence, that I would use every opportunity to denounce Garrison and his supporters --I do not believe he could possibly have misunderstood me. I can only think, then, that he has deliberately misrepresented the situation.

Guess I'd better count my fillings, too.

Hastily,

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P.S. Excuse me for not replying now to your letter of the 26th but I'll try to do that when there is more time than is now available.