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Your National Editor's lament about "The Kennedy Book Deluge" would come from the Post with better grace if it had not been part of the "deluge" and were this not a subject that, in a democratic society, cannot be exhausted.

The part of the Post is partisan: you without reason or thought oppose that which assails those who question the dubious official investigation. To this end you serialized the slanders of the sycophantic coward Charles Roberts and were so impatient to spread the lies and misrepresentations of the ^{also-partisan} Associated Press that you published ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{book-length} ~~entire~~ ^{single} series is one awful bellyache.

Lawrence Stern is right in describing "Death of a President" as "a brilliant and poignant failure", ^{wrote} ~~wrote~~ in attributing it to "the love and awe he held ^{forward} ~~toward~~ his subject". Those ^{misde} feelings that author reserves for himself. His failure is simple and undeviating factual error. This, ^{and the ensuing scandal} I predicted to the Post's editors more than a year before publication, to you 14 months ago.

For the first time in the Post's own deluge, Stern shows the beginning of understanding in asking "why?" in his review of "The Manchester Affair". When you understand why the Kennedy family had to file suit against the Manchesterian assemblage you will begin to understand the terrible trauma of the Warren Report.

I also predicted the suit and in countless radio and TV appearances explained why. My own book on it was a third completed before "Death" was published. I will complete it when I have finished the book I am now writing. Before then my "Oswald In New Orleans" will be published. At that time, should the Post again assume the mantle of a great newspaper, I will make available to you the more than 300 pages of official documentation I have for it.

Had you read the WHITEWASH series, you would know the answer. Had Stern, when he was assigned to read the manuscript of the first book, he, too, would have known. Had you listened to Dan Kurzman, who did read and understand it, your subsequent and very public self-demeaning would have been spared you, and our country might have been the better for it.

Why not make an honest woman of the old lady for whom you pimp on this subject and, with appropriate excisions, print this letter?