

May 7, 1967

Mr. David S. Lifton  
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Dear Dave:

Continued reports reaching me from California compelled me to waste the time to read your 8 single-spaced pages in which I find too much evasive language and about which it is my intention here to comment for the last time. I write you simply because of the possible misinterpretation that might be placed on my letter of May 4 which, as it says, was based upon a glance at the first page.

I find missing from your letter other things that have been reported to me by others than those you name. I am not going to get into a wrangle. I am distressed at the language you address to those you pretend are your colleagues and I have wasted this time, and now more, simply to assure you that you cannot honestly misinterpret my letter of the 4th to constitute in any way an endorsement of the contents of your 8-page letter. During the past year I have had occasion to make my own appraisals of those against whom you inveigh. They are entirely inconsistent with your slanders.

If you find it impossible to work with others whose beliefs and hopes you say you share, why do you not just isolate yourself from them and work entirely on your own? The sort of thing in which you seem to be continually involved saps everybody's nerves, wastes everybody's time, including your own, and leads to nothing but frustrations.

The things that I have heard tempt me to address you in a stronger way, but I do not want to. The things you do say about Steve and Maggie I find to be outrageous and without warrant.

I don't care what you or anybody else does or says about me; I don't care what you do or do not do with or without Wesley Liebeler, in whom I have but a single interest.

It seems to me that it is time for you to take stock of yourself, what you are really doing, what you are really saying, not alone in letters, and what the inevitable result is. How criminal is it for Steve Burton to be 18 years old? How accurate are your statements about the committee's finances and sources of finances? And what has all of this to do with what could conceivably defend you against what you pretend to defend yourself from?

Say what you will, do what you will, and leave me out of it. I have no interest in this bickering, and I will waste no more time on it. Your unconvincing slanders of those who, from their records and my associations with them, compel the highest respect from me do not make me think the better of you for it.

Please do not address any more such letters to me and do not misinterpret or misuse my letter of May 4.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg