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Mr. Edward R. Williams
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Dear Mr. Williams,

Thank you for your undated recent letter enclosing a clipping from the New York Times. I agree with you that legitimate attacks on Garrison in the press most unfortunately have been equated with a validity to which the illegitimate and fraudulent Warren Report has no conceivable claim. I would go even further and charge that the default of the press of its clear duty to give sceptical, critical scrutiny to the WR, and its failure to give a real hearing to the critics whom, rather, they generally disparaged and maligned, helped to provide fertile ground for opportunists and charlatans like Garrison. The press itself is therefore indirectly partly to blame for the climate which invested him at first with some plausibility and encouraged his wild and cruel caprices.

I have tried to make both points in my numerous letters to editors on Garrison and the Warren Report, most recently in letters to LOOK and the New York Times. The latter elected not to publish either of the two letters I sent; while the former published a brief excerpt, out of context, which carefully excluded my criticism of the press for its dismal performance on the WR and for making the appearance of a Garrison all but inevitable. To add insult to injury, LOOK also introduced a typographical error in the published excerpt from my letter which was not present in the original!

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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