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Mr, Drew Pearson
1313 29th. St., nw
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Pearson,

In early May I sent you a copy of my book WHITEWASH: THE REPORT ON THE WARREN REPORT. When you showed no interest, I left a message for Jack Anderson and then delivered a copy to his office. You are both within your rights in maintaining silence, though I think that when things get out of hand you'll both regret it.

This was the first book on the subject. It is still the closest to a complete one, if a single book can encompass such a subject. It has everything of importance the subsequent ones have, lacks nothing responsible that they have, and has twice as much content as all put together. Reading will let you evaluate the honesty of this claim. It and I opened the subject with a private printing that, like all such, is regarded as non-existent by the so-called responsible press. Despite this handicap and others imposed by our situation and lack of finances, it has sold 10,000 copies, and this with limited and improvised distribution. You need not take my word. Merkle printed it, knowing I was broke and without income, after having satisfied themselves about my reputation. Messrs. Blancey or Crowell can give you the figures. We've finally paid for the first printing, more than a third of the second, but still owe for the rest of it and the third printing, just out of the bindery.

It is also the most severe book, because its criticism is restricted (alone of all the books) to the official record and because it pulls no punches. Yet it is also the only one without a subtle but evil doctrine. While destroying the Report in the hope that the expected job that wasn't done yet might be, it also seeks to show how such eminent men could be led into such error. In this it was too subtle, judging from the results. I failed to consider the refusal of the press to read it carefully and the almost total abdication of the intellectual community.

I have now begun the remedy of this defect. I have just finished the rough draft of a sequel, WHITEWASH II: WHO DID IT. This tells who did the whitewashing, with names and shocking documents. Two of the earlier chapters require intergation with the rest and I shall begin editing it.

Although recently I have learned not to trust, because some of my material has been stolen, I am willing to trust you. I have said nothing publicly about the apparent plagiarism and some things perhaps worse because of the subject matter.

If you might find your voice on this, let me know. I fear, with the direction things are taking, there is kindling the potential of a Reichstag fire.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Weisberg