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Editor, Commentary
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New York, N.Y. 10022

Dear Sir,

Separately I have sent you a copy of my book, WHITEWASH: THE REPORT ON THE WARREN REPORT. I hope you will read it and find it worthy of review and any other assistance you might offer. Its history is set forth in the Preface.

This is the kind of subject that should not, in my opinion, be treated with less than the maximum responsibility. For this reason I have issued no press release. Thus I handicap myself, but this is but one of the hazards of a private printing. What is involved is too important for an editor to be guided by any opinion other than his own. I desire for my book to stand unassisted. I can only hope you will take the time to read it and thereafter will join me in demanding a full and entirely public inquiry.

We have gone into debt for this printing and have no funds for advertising. I am hoping some of the smaller magazines will offer the book for sale, at the normal trade profit, or will take orders, which I shall mail out on receipt of the money, for a commission. If you will do either, I'd appreciate it.

Of the selection of illustrations I sent you, the full Aitgens picture is owned by AP, from whom I bought but the one-time rights.

I'd also appreciate any comments you might have, for I do hope this edition will break the ice and attract the normal publication that has thus far avoided the book.

Also, I hope to focus attention on the Report and the staff (including the FBI, which provided the doctrine and most of the investigative and technical services) rather than the Commission or its members. I believe this is but right. Despite his error, I do not believe Earl Warren should be made the goat. And I am apprehensive that some of those books yet to come will, no matter how subtly, do otherwise.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg