



But what Mr. Campbell has done is much more reprehensible than what the CIA-Pentagon-Chicago Tribune-Washington Post government clique has done. He suppressed the important parts of the story.

He did repeat the libel that Garrison was "disabled" and "unfit". What he suppressed is the subsequent, official military acknowledgment of the extent of this "unfitness": It took Garrison back into service and in a relatively short time advanced him from captain to lieutenant-colonel. One wonders just how "unfit" a man must be to qualify as an Army colonel!

Mr. Campbell retailed the quite gross slander that Garrison suffers a "chronic exhaustion" syndrome. My own personal experience confirms the disabling "exhaustion" from which Garrison suffers: On the first five days I worked with him when I testified before the New Orleans Grand Jury (much of the New Orleans evidence comes from three of my four published books on this subject), he thrice worked with me until about 2 a.m., then appeared at his office the following day at the regular hour. Two of these three days after the late-night work, we lunched at his desk, partaking only of diet preparations (Metrecal, etc.), the only contents of his office refrigerator.

This refrigerator, naturally, is the testimonial to his "disabling psychoneurosis of long duration" that "has interfered with his social and professional adjustment": It was a present from his staff!

There is equally eloquent manifestation of his "social and professional" maladjustment: The voters of New Orleans have twice elected him - just how socially maladjusted can a successful vote-getter be? - and the appeals courts certify his professional shortcomings by never once reversing a single case he has won!

By this time, you perhaps know all you need to award Mr. Campbell a suitable reward - perhaps Mr. Johnson hasn't yet gotten around to it.

His record is consistent. Rather than using original sources, he prefers the second-hand. This is like reading books rather than marrying (which in his private life he eschewed, having married a beautiful and graceful woman who is a suitable advertisement for another British export, miniskirts). And he is ever-willing to spring you to the defense of the U.S. government, whenever it is in distress.

How clearly I recall his June 29, 1966, glorification of the then-forthcoming magnus opus by William Manchester. What a remarkable prophet Mr. Campbell is! And how brilliant your editorial judgment in no publishing my quite accurate prediction of the consequences of the Manchester book!

From all of this, you can see that I marvel that the English public is at least as well, impartially, reliably and accurately informed as we in the U.S. by those newspapers which unflaggingly seek only truth, present only fact, and never cease in their quest for the essence of the viability of a democratic society, untainted news!

Please accept my heartfelt, really quite sincere, expression of the tribute that is justly yours.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg