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June 18, 1966

Mr. Carey McWilliams, Editor
The Nation
333 Sixth Ave.,
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Dear Mr. McWilliams,

In response to my letter of May 9, enclosing a copy of my book WHITEWASH: THE REPORT ON THE WARREN REPORT, your card of the 12th. said "it goes without saying" that this book "is of special interest to us".

If this special interest is to be, as I hope, a review, may I ask that you include my address: While the book has received a rather unusual and highly favorable reception, especially for a private edition, and although five book wholesalers are handling it, there are many stores it has not yet reached and some areas of the country into which these wholesalers do not go. Hence for some people, we are the only source, and for this reason our address, simply Hyattstown, Md. 20734, is important.

Both the book and I were warmly received at the annual convention of the American Booksellers' Association. This, added to earlier efforts, resulted in a total of 2750 copies now being in distributive channels of sold, aside from orders to us.

There is an oversight in my letter of May 9. The unaltered Altgens photograph, in the event you would like to use it, is owned by Wide World. I paid for the one-time use. All the other illustrations are, I believe, in the public domain.

At long last the climate is beginning to change. I hope my belief is correct, that I have had much to do with this. I also hope you will find the space to help with a review, and not only because I have the printer to pay. This matter should be aired responsibly, without being converted into a witch-hunt against Earl Warren, and in this, too, you can help.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Weisberg

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Mr. Carey McWilliams
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Dear Mr. McWilliams,

On one of my too-many trips to New York during the past 15 months I should have tried to see you. I had just assumed The Nation was still at 20 Vesey St., and I just never got into that neighborhood. I regret it.

The preface explains the appearance of this book in this form and without commercial sponsorship. I face the need for public relations and advertising yet I am without funds. Can we work out an arrangement similar to the per inquiry deal common in radio advertising, so that from the income from orders I can pay you for the advertising? Or one in which the Nation sells and mails the books and makes the book-store profit? I would appreciate anything you can do, suggest or arrange for the book.

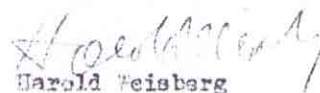
Please note that it focuses not on the Commission or its chairman but on the Report and the staff, which includes the FBI, for they were the investigators.

The book appears in this form not because of my desire to avoid commercial publication but because of my inability to arrange it under ~~arrangements~~ I could live with. I would still want regular commercial printing and distribution if I can arrange it. This letter is being written in advance of mailing, for otherwise I'd not be able to write any. Friends have indicated they can approach distributors in New York and Washington, but we cannot do so until we have the book to show them.

I would appreciate your comments after you have read the book. If you have any questions, let me know.

And, of course, I do thank you for anything you and/or The Nation can do. I also suggest you may find the line of other coming books less agreeable. Not that anything about these tragedies - and I include the Report as a tragedy - can be agreeable in any way. But there is the question how a man like Earl Warren, who I still regard as one of the great in our society, could be party to such a strange inquest. I hope, perhaps subtly, my books explain this.

Sincerely yours,


Harold Weisberg

P.S. This edition cannot show a profit.

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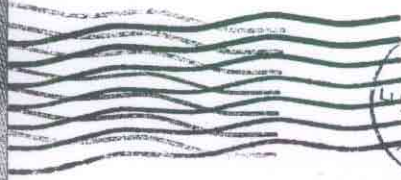
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Thanks very much for your letter and for sending along a copy of the book, which it goes without saying is of special interest to us.

Best wishes,



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