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Mr. Harry Gilroy  
The New York Times  
329 W. 41 St.,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Gilroy,

Last fall during a brief discussion of the reluctance of book publishers to do a serious book on the Warren Report, Mr. John Oakes suggested I might phone you. Because I did not seek to stir up a controversy, I did not. In every case save that of the Canadian publisher, each of the letters I quote or excerpt followed a reading of the book. Last summer, before he read my book in manuscript and forwarded it to Mr. Harrison Salisbury for his reading, Mr. Tom Wicker saw some of these letters, on a confidential basis. I have no desire to hurt or embarrass these people, but I am concerned at the reflection of the attitude of U.S. book publishers toward what most editors and correspondents who have read the book regard as a serious subject.

I am not now seeking to stir up a scandal, but from what Mr. Oakes said I thought you might be interested. If you would care to see these letters, you may do so with the understanding you will reveal no identities. I found those editors with whom I dealt really fine, decent people.

On Monday, May 9 I left a copy for you among those copies I delivered to the Times' Washington office. I regret I failed to make this clear, hence it was not sent you.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Weisberg