NEW ADDRESS: Rt. 7, Frederick, Md. 21701

12/22/67

Dear Jack, Good to hear from you! I've been away and am about to leave again. I'll be in Wilmington for a few hours. If I get a chance, I'll call.

Your idea is a good one. However, I've more work lined up than I can see finishing in the near future. I've another book written, two more researched on this subject alone, and other work I had started before I got into this. So, I cannot undertake it.

Many thanks. Please excuse the haste. I've a tall stack of unanswered letters that accumulated and a ms. to read. Best to everyone,

Sincerely,

December 16, 1967

Mr. Harold Weisberg
Frederick, Maryland 21707

Dear Harold:

Not knowing whether your political views happen to coinside with mine, I can only gamble that the contents of this letter may meet with your interest. Be that as it may, here goes.

I began to gather material for an intended book entitled: "PROMINENT VOICES OF DISSENT". The whole idea hinged on the cooperation of prominent men to send me their previous statements and so forth. To this request I received a most enthusiastic response.

Some letters were of appreciation and thanks. In case you feel this is a nutty idea, what about the great, prominent men who so enthusiastically responded to it? The only problem is the time element as I awoke to the fact that it may take more than a year to complete the project, since the main interest to the public would be the time period before the presidential election. So you see it is a question of getting it published soon or never.

In case it meets with your interest, I would gladly present you with this baby. The reason I went into it in the first place was to help me bear the long suspense during the many months thatI waited for an answer to a submitted script for a novel. Now, since its rejection, I have become so impatient to rewrite it. This wouldtake at least a year, so I can hardly spare even an hour for any other undertaking.

Should you so desire, I would be glad to make a trip to see you in order to discuss this with you face to face at any specified time to suit your convenience. I would bring all the literature that the prominent men have sent me so far.

According to the response I have received, I could easily accumulate any desired number of contributors, even a hundred. Now consider the caliber of my cooperators to date:

Senator Eugene McCarthy, Senator J. W. Fulbright, Senator Wayne Morse, Lt. Gen. James M. Gavin, Supreme Court Justice W. O. Douglas Supreme Court Justice Stewart, Senator Clifford P. Case, Senator George McGovern, Senator Jacob Javits, Senator Frank Church (He sent me enough printed material to fill a book by itself)

I also have writings sent me by very prominent professors. Let me assure you, dear Harold, thatI have become hardened, almost immune to rejections. I hold the doubtful distinction of being probably

the most rejected author in the whole world. Therefore, I don't require excuses; just a few lines yes or no will suffice.

My sincere congratulations and admiration for your success in the publishing of your books. Please don't be too contemptuous about my so far futile attempts. You know the old addage,"Where there is life there is hope".

Anyway, my young friend, this is the story. This is my offer for your consideration. I believe it merits some thought.

Your old rooter,

Jack Rosenbaum

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