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Mr. Charles Roberts
Newsweek

Dear Mr. Roberts,

Your letter of May 8 is not responsive to mine of the fourth.

You seem to address yourself to a very narrow misinterpretation of what I asked. The question is not simply of the past, for it is in the present that your book and you are being promoted. Nor is it only a matter of having a financial subsidy.

Should you address this, I am safe from your unrelieved record in presuming you and/or the role in which you have cast yourself or been cast will require insult. Do try and be more original. Certainly you should be capable of it, from the pretense of your book if not your position.

For the record I note your nasty inference, more subtle than your paid-for falsehood, that [redacted] came from "sources" other than myself and that it has "egregious misjudgements". You had an opportubity in your book to prove the latter and you made no attempt to, for you cannot. You have a standing opportunity to do it to my face and you do not. To this I add the challenge that you stipulate what crown your McCarthyite mind can twist into a justification for the words "From the same sources who led you into such eggegious misjudgements is "Whitewash".

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg