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Dear Jerry,

In writing you two months ago about the inordinate space you gave to sick Harry Livingstone's sick diatribe mostly aimed at me and never in contact with truth or reality I said that your publication of it, without any checking at all, was both personally and professionally irresponsible.

You have not responded in two months so I presume you cannot. You cannot, of course, deny it for what I wrote you is true and what you published is false, defamatory and intended to be hurtful.

That you and Livingstone intended to hurt me troubles me little. The hurt you did, the hurt that from the beginning of your publication you have done, that does trouble me is the hurt to truth about the assassination, its investigations and in general to those trying to take fact to the people.

You, Livingstone and some of those other college-educated ignoramuses you prize and publish do the dirty work for those official miscreants that they cannot do for themselves. And worse, you glory in it.

In this you deceive and mislead those who trust you.

Compare this with for example your silence about a book like NEVER AGAIN!

That you as an editor believe you need not tell your trusting readers about. Yet you give that undiluted evil by Livingstone an exceptional amount of space-without bothering to learn whether any of it was in any way true. As it was not.

Is this your professional concept of the responsibility of an editor?

Is this your personal standard?

How much about fact and reasonableness have you learned in all these years when you sought to undermine the one thorough exposure of Gerald Posner's commercialization and exploitation of the assassination with that self-important, subject matter ignoramus DeVries' childish ^{nonsense} ~~issues~~ about those Dealey Plaza tramp pictures in condemnation of Case Open for ignoring them-when they never had any relevance of any kind?

For one example.

A publication like your's can be useful if it is responsible, factual and fair and avoids making itself the vehicle of those what hate, those who are not in contact with reality, those who have not taken the time to learn the realities of what they pontificate about. If it ever learns that imagined theories that are without proof are childish and hurtful and ceases propagating them.

That you found it impossible to defend yourself and your publication of poor sick Livingstone's fabrications and intended defamations speaks enough for you as an editor. That you could not express even slight regret speaks enough of you as a man. and you teach others! Harold Weisberg

Harold