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Harold Weisberg
Coc d'Or Press
Frederick, Md.

Dear Mr. Weisberg;

Sorry I was so long answering your letters, but I have been on vacation for some weeks.

I'm equally sorry that you have been injured by Skolnick, who as you say, thrives on publicity and could hardly operate without it.

But please understand my position. I cannot matter to me where the documents came from as long as they appeared to be authentic.

I covered a public occurrence, a radio station interview. It was available to me as it was available to anyone with a radio. I did look at the documents and felt reasonably sure that they had some authenticity.

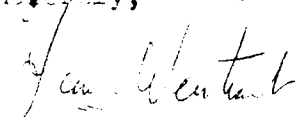
And then I wrote a little piece about what was said that night. The story did not say it was true. I said Sherman Skolnick says this. I have my doubts about Sherman's theories. But then I also have my personal doubts about the conclusions of the Warren Commission report.

In any case, the story is not one to which I shall devote my career. It happened. I covered it. Unless something important happens, I am unlikely to do anything more with it.

And I cannot take responsibility for what Skolnick did to you. If you want to debate him, or sue him, more power to you. In either case I will probably do a story about it.

But I cannot get involved in your dispute with Sherman. Sorry.

Sincerely,


Larry Weintraub