



Dear Mr. Steen,

Many thanks for the effort with Penguin. The reaction is not uncommon and not without some validity in commercial terms.

That the British have also copied out on their responsibilities to themselves and the world and will accept any kind of American corruption is not encouraging. I suspect your friend is right, however.

I have never felt as long a book as this is likely to have any possibility of commercial acceptability. You may recall the book reports my efforts to have a simultaneous or coinciding abridgement. However, I do not feel that experience justifies the belief that a short, sharp work could make any real difference. There is in my opinion no possibility that there can be success in Congress with anything less than a complete and total destruction of the Report as a beginning. I had hoped Schweiker would do this when he invited me in last October. I left with that wrong impression. I hear from him infrequently but he never refers to my forecast that he would fall with any other approach. Ditto for the House, where today a Member may make a belated effort, I suspect at least inadequately if at all. I hope otherwise, of course.

My recent efforts to entice Arlen Specter into a confrontation have failed. He was asked if he'd debate me and said he had to think it over. I wrote and told him that the people of Penna might well wonder if when he can't make up his mind after 10 years he is fit to be their Senator. He refused to accept the letter I think three times. I sent it certified. I wrote the papers. All ignored it, so he's protected. Meanwhile, my lecture bureau is nothing. So, if you know any college that will invite me to speak in the Phila area I'd sure welcome the chance! The bureau asks \$750 plus expenses. I could stay with a sister in Broomal, so the expenses would be only transportation. When I do this, if it is wanted and possible, I invite seminars. If you know of any interest - and no Phila. college has ever had any - if someone could meet the train or bus I could easily hold an afternoon seminar ~~for~~ before an evening speech and/or a morning one the next day. Again my sincere thanks for the try. Sincerely,