

Mr. Michael Ruby, editor  
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Dear Mr. Ruby,

Your letter of the 18th, in <sup>n</sup>no-response to mine of some time ago to Nat Elfin over your astoundingly dishonest and ~~ineef~~ incorrect cover story on the Warren Report, surprises me because after reading my letter and seeing that I do know a bit about the subject you so shamelessly try to bullshit me.

Moreover, what you now say about your intent is a lie or what you then said on your cover was a lie.

My work on the assassination and its investigations grew into a study of how our basic institutions worked during that crisis and after it. It is clear, beyond any question at all, that all of our basic institutions, including the press, failed then and insists on failing since then.

Your disgraceful story and your shameless letter merely show again that the press is determined to fail the nation.

When you refer to your atrocity as "candid and objective journalism" you have scraped through the bottom of the barrel and are deep in the sewers.


If you have not lost quite a few readers over that dishonesty and incompetence you are lucky.

One of the major causes of the terribly bad shape the country is in is the media and its failure to be truthful with the people so the <sup>democratic</sup> ~~democratic~~ system can work as the founding fathers intended.

This monstrosity of yours is a prime example.

I'm sorry, too, that Elfin was not man enough to answer for himself.

Sincerely,

  
Harold Weisberg



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Mr. Harold Weisberg  
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

While your letter did not make for pleasant reading, I appreciate that you shared your concerns about our cover story on the Warren Commission.

We were trying to tell the story of how the commission went about its work, without attempting to perform an independent examination of the huge volume of material that has emerged in the last 30 years about the assassination itself. We said that Earl Warren told his staff that "Truth is our only client" in a speech, not in a memo to his staff.

Critical or complimentary, it is helpful to hear from readers. I hope that you will continue to follow U.S. News, and that you will find we are still offering the candid and objective journalism you value.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Ruby".

Michael Ruby

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