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Dear Mr Arnoni,

I do not think you are aware of ~~the~~ the unconvincing nature of TMO's recent (since Oct '67) anti-Garrison position. While your editorials and articles relating to Garrison must be clear to yourself, or you wouldn't be printing them. I do not think that they are equally clear to many of your readers.

I am left with the feeling that you are finding yourself obliged to omit references to the primary thing or things which prompted your change in sentiment re Garrison - thereby leaving you with the problem of having to scrounge up "supporting" details wherever you can find them. Please understand that I am not questioning the integrity or honesty of TMO here. What I am doing, I think, is calling your attention to the conspicuously poor case you have been building against Garrison in your pages.

But more important than that: most of all I am wanting to remind you of something which you certainly know quite well. But we all need reminders: Be always suspicious of whispered things. Whispering can take many forms - especially when it is very important, and when Money Ain't No Object. As I see it, all you need to turn anybody into a dupe is the resources required to do it. And pardon an additional reminder: A dupe is not a dupe except when he does not suspect that he is one. (What an awesome thought, huh?)

Owning a TMO subscription doesn't give me the right (desmit) to run your magazine, but anyway let me make a suggestion or two. If you print more anti-Garrison articles, look them over a couple of times before going to press - making sure in your own head that they will be read, and can be read, the way you would want them to be read. If you can't do that much, better maybe you should leave some lily-white blank columns rather than print what you had had in mind to print. Another suggestion is that you might make an invitation to some genuine pro-Garrison critic to write a pro-Garrison article for TMO. How about Mark Lane, for instance, who used to write TMO articles? While I don't know A from B any more, at least I can still tell that Lane makes a far, far better pro Garrison case today than TMO makes an anti Garrison case. And I would say the same for Harold Weisberg, to name another candidate.

An incidental feature of a real, genuine pro-Garrison article appearing in TMO would be your advantage of being able to print your own reaction to it in the same issue. And, for that matter: if you should provide an invitation to a guest article under such terms and then have it refused, it would be a thing you could crow about in an editorial. It would further your own case, I mean - and what more could you hope for? And as for us readers, I guarantee that it would hold us spellbound.

I enjoy TMO very much, and I am happy to live in a land where TMO can be published and sold. And I hope this situation will continue to last. To pick out a rule of thumb to go by, perhaps TMO could be an indicator for us. We, the readers, could decide for ourselves the validity of your articles and editorials as based upon the arguments provided within them. Then, if we noted some sharp upward trend in the failure of articles to support themselves - we would then know when we ought to drop everything fast and run for the hills.

Pardon this critical letter. I hope you will understand that it is a friendly one.

Sincerely,

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