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Mr. E.J. Bade
113 Lawrence Avenue
Homestead Park, Pa. 15121

Dear Mr. Bade:

Thank you for lending me your copies of the New York Times articles and other material on Weisberg's books. I am returning them with this letter.

Our book budget does not allow us to buy every book that is published. The decision to buy or not to buy, must be, to some extent, a subjective one, but we try to be as objective as possible. To that end, we rely on informed opinion of others, as well as on our own opinions.

Weisberg's books were privately published, which probably means that they were rejected for publication by one or more publishers. Since other books critical of the Warren Report were published by commercial publishers, and interest in the subject was high, the conclusion seems inevitable that Weisberg's work was considered by some publishers to be of doubtful validity. The reviews which I am returning to you themselves suggest alternate explanations for some of the discrepancies which Weisberg emphasizes.

No doubt publishers are sometimes wrong, and libraries are sometimes wrong, in their selection of materials. However, we try to make the most objective judgment we can with our necessarily limited knowledge.

We have several titles on the Kennedy assassination, representing a variety of views, in the library already. Our collection cannot be exhaustive. Therefore I cannot see my way clear to purchasing Weisberg's works.

Thank you for taking the trouble to bring these reviews to my attention.

Sincerely yours,

Rachel George, Head
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