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Editor
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Dear Editor,

After being sent copies of Jay Carr's puffing-up of Oliver Stone first in The Hollywood Reporter and then in your paper I first wrote Stone and then the Globe.

I enclose copies in the belief, at least in the hope, that you will not like having your trust and that of your readers imposed upon.

If you would like copies of quotes of what Stone has been saying I have a considerable file. He quite literally has been making what he says up to suit each need as he then conceived it.

I do not presume that you have the interest but if you do we are not very far from your Washington Bureau. Any reporter can have access to what I have and can use our copier to duplicate anything desired.

As I think back over 78 years, including what I learned as a Senate investigator and editor, an investigative reporter and as a wartime intelligence analyst, I can't think of as blatant a commercialization and exploitation as this Stone obscenity.

The astounding thing to me is that no reporter since the Post's Lardner had the interest to do any checking before flacking for Stone, as one way or another just about all did.

Carr certainly didn't ^{check}. Yet every editor who got a copy of his piece on syndication was justified in believing that what he wrote was fair, balanced and accurate.

Unfortunately it wasn't.

Sincerely,


Harold Weisberg