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Dear Mr. Default,

Many thanks!

Not they have not, to the best of my knowledge, mentioned
or reviewed "WHITEWASH II".

Sincerely,

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Copy for Mr. Weisberg
To The Editor, New Republic

So FRB is perfectly satisfied with the Warren Commission Report! One can only hope with dismay that FRB is too easily Brainwashed, and whoever he is ought to be replaced with someone not gone soft in the head with age or self-importance.

It is some time since we've had anything from FRB's corner as trenchant and compelling as nearly any random page from Harold Weisberg's Whitewash (Dell)--a book whose honest outrage ^{alone} ~~is a serious claim to attention~~ would give it a serious claim to attention. I should like to refer FRB to the following assertions (amply documented elsewhere throughout the book):

"...the Commission and the Report... ignored or suppressed what was opposed to the predetermined conclusion that Oswald was the lone assassin. This meant that the destruction, alteration and manipulation of evidence had to be overlooked. It was. It meant that impossible testimony from preposterous witnesses had to be credited. It was. This meant that invalid reconstructions had to be made. They were. This meant that valuable evidence....had to be avoided. It was...The solid proof in the record that supported Oswald's denial of guilt had to be kept from the Report. It was. The indescribably incompetent performance of the police, a description that may be a great euphemism, had to be shielded from public scrutiny. It was. The Report had even to misrepresent the Commission's own time reconstructions, which showed that Oswald could not have done what it attributed to him. The Report does just that."

Even FRB, had he read this book, could never have adopted the sniping superior tone he did on this subject. And I would think it was his job to keep abreast of informed opinion on those issues he claims competence to discuss. For the first time I can remember, I slammed down the FR in disgust.

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