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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Thank you for your letter. Your
comments and request are being passed along
to the editors concerned.

Very truly yours,


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Editor, The New Yorker
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Sir:

The word is out that Edward J. Epstein, Establishment "critic" of the Warren Report, has written the Establishment attack on Jim Garrison, the only public official with the courage to seek a judicial determination of fact when an American President is murdered in a major American city.

Perhaps it is the total lack of reference in Mr. Epstein's own work to any aspect of the New Orleans part of the story of the assassination that qualifies him. After all, his unquestioning assumption of the validity of the Commission's basic conclusion, that Lee Harvey Oswald was the assassin, made him a "critic", did it not?

As senior of the critics, in terms of the appearance and number of my books - first to appear and four in number - as well as in years, and as the only one to have done his own and original work on the New Orleans aspect, I respectfully request the opportunity of writing a similar article under the same conditions from the other side, an article dealing with evidence, not personalities - with what both Epstein and the Commission ignore in their work.

There are some things, with the possibility of a trial - the certainty if intolerable federal intervention in a state matter does not succeed - that cannot be addressed. Without these, there is a major story that I can tell. It comes from my own researches and my ~~own work~~. For it I can supply you with several hundred pages of important documents the Commission suppressed and Epstein ignored.

It takes little courage to attack Garrison today. With this major effort by the New Yorker on that side, I hope it is not expecting too much to ask that it give me an equal and fair opportunity on the other side.

Yours truly,

Harold Weisberg