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Dear Mr. Harbord,

I am very sorry to have to tell you that we have eventually decided against taking THE REPORT ON THE WARREN REPORT by H. Weisberg. This is obviously a manuscript of very great interest indeed, and we have all along been favourably disposed towards the idea of publishing it. However, careful enquiries among both university and publishing circles have revealed that a book on this very subject, written by an author who commands a large following over here, is to be published very shortly by Bodley Head. Not only that, but Penguin are to do an abridged version of the Bodley book in the Autumn as one of their "Specials".

While there can be no doubting the excellence of Mr. Weisberg's manuscript, from a publishing point of view there would not be room for two full-scale books covering basically the same ground - ie examining the same report and 26 volumes of evidence. Furthermore, the prior appearance of a paperback book competitor, selling at perhaps one-tenth of the price we should have to charge, would point to disastrous economic consequences for us.

Please accept our apologies for the delay in coming to a decision, but you will appreciate that where so much is at stake, we have to survey our ground very closely indeed. But we are really very grateful to you for allowing us to see such a high quality piece of work. I am now returning the manuscript to you, along with the additional material you sent to Mr. Frewin.

Yours sincerely,

Graham Snell  
Editor

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*De Mr Weisberg.*

I am most obliged to you for your detailed letter of April 18th which we have read with great interest.

You will have heard that we have most reluctantly had to decide against doing your book - I have not the slightest shadow of doubt that your book is the superior of the two but we could not hope to beat the Bodley Head and Penguin - they have such a head start and there simply would not be the sales potential for an expensive production such as your book would have to be after the market has been cornered by the two publishers of the other analysis of the Warren Report.

I am sorry about this because we were very keen on it but I do hope that you have full success elsewhere.

*Your sincerely  
Leslie Frewin.*

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