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Dear Lou and Moo,

You've heard of people having the best of two worlds? That's our friend Joel, or should I say former friend?

I do not have to remind you that he considers Nancy Ferrin Rich Hamilton no better than an accomplice in a murder and part of a conspiracy to kill JFK. How well you know that!

Then harken to these lines from his magazine piece, so much of which is lifted from Penn and me - almost all, save a few rumors he picked up there and a few inventions - and you have the second world:

"Mrs. Rich, more than any other witness, strived to inform the Warren Commission investigators..." He is "confident she told an honest and forthright story...."

Now, are you not ashamed of misjudging Joel, that rock of personal incorruptibility, soul of literary integrity that he is?

When you seek him out to apologize, why not ask him for your office papers that he has and you do not, like the telegram to Branner (for Brewner) Boxley gave him, and the reel of Ayles film he hasn't returned to me for about a half year?

If he has left town, his previous address was 6261 Tumilla, Woodland Hills (Los Angeles). Before that, 1751 Havens Ave., Wyoming, Mich.

The world-famous psychiatrist he quotes is his uncle.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg