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Dear Jim,

I finally got to reading the Wise piece in the Saturday Evening Post. If my wife can retape it by the time I can mail this, I'll send you a copy of my letter to the editor.

Briefly, for whatever my opinion is worth to you, this is another federal if not company job. That they have done is let out to an ignorant name writer who is so well-connected at the White House (and so ignorant they don't have to worry about steering him or having him learn something) what they have carelessly denied those of us who know the subject.

There is the pretense, accentuated in the deceptive title, that promises new and secret evidence. There is neither, but the Post has been spending enormous sums advertising it.

There is not a single critical word about any of the federal investigators or agencies, no word of adverse comment about a single member of the staff; just the usual focus on Warren as the symbol of liberalism and Bobby, as those responsible for all of it that is wrong.

It is, therefore, not surprising that the article ends by trying to end in specific words saying that it does justify the suppressions the advertising and headlines would have you believe it exposes and condemns.

However, each and every one of these crooked maneuvers can be of use and value to us. Now we can get more than half of the Commission's executive-session transcripts, 270 pages, for only \$54.00. If you'd like, I can order it by phone, keep after them until they Xerox it for me - and can they delay when they want to - read it in a hurry and in a short while give you an analysis and commentary on it. If you want me to do this, please let me know by phone. There is bound to be some of what we want in those 270 pages. Those asses are so insensitive they do not even know half the time when their pants are down.

And if they let Wise have anything else, I think that, too, is worth close study. It cannot be much more.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg