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Gentlemen,

The purposes of this letter may easily be misconstrued. It is prompted by the uncritical piece in today's Washington Post's Potomac by Jonathan Braun.

I find this article entirely inconsistent with the Connecticut CEI's refusal to invite me for its super-spectacular that is part of the cultivation of the cult of Mark Lane and a continuing deception of the young and impressionable.

This past week we have seen the inevitable result of the successful "Jane" commercializing of the great tragedies of which you seem to be part, a disastrous end to the Congressional effort to do something about the consequences of the crimes.

In my old-fashioned view the ripping off of the mind is more reprehensible than the picking of pockets if with Lane both have coincided.

The story says that in the ended or ending semester you have been teaching a course on the JFK assassination. The first work on the Warren Commission and far and away most of it has been mine. Whitewash, which opened the subject and has not been superseded as of today, dates to 1965. I have published six non-repetitive books and have filed all the successful and meaningful Freedom of Information suits. You in fact have a student specializing in the autopsy, to which my longest work is devoted. Yet your bookstore did not order any of these works until the 11th of last month and they, true to Jane concepts, it did not include that on the executive sessions for which I sued successfully and in which it appears in full, making it available in context and with a considerable amount of other information and documents at considerably less cost than a xerox from the Archives. This likewise is consistent with other Lane pretenses, like it was no more than a benefaction of government that produced these formerly Top Secret transcripts and so much else that he uses for all the world as though it were his own work, sometimes even claiming it.

To say that the Report is wrong is to say nothing. To teach what is wrong is to do evil. While Lane would have you believe that he invented the wheel and discovered sex, the government did neither. In following any of his mutually contradictory lines, depending on the period and the profit any promised, you will be doing the same thing as the Report from the other side. Your students will have been subjected to what is at best unbalanced and more commonly, except where the plagiarism is untainted, just plain inaccurate. How you can teach a course on this without my work is not apparent to me except as a course in the glorification of Lane, who has used it limitlessly even inventing footnotes to non-existent sources to hide his stealing.

It really doesn't make any difference to me how much defecation the devil gets. If it did I'd have done something about it. I prefer to spend my time in what can be constructive. If you order another book or two the time and cost of packaging and sending will consume the gross profit. You are not about to invite me to speak because that would, if never made any direct reference, undermine this entire business. So I have nothing personal to gain from this letter. I write it in the hope that if you continue the course your students will not be given the notion that Deep Throat is love. This is too important and youthful minds ought not be misled and deceived or led into frustrations that inevitably mean the exculpation of the truly guilty.

Sincerely,
Harold Weisberg