

Box 392 Mayo Hospital

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Dear Penn,

Again, all of the information you present in your most recent defense of Boxley, as in the past, is known to Vince, Harold, the staff, Jim Garrison, and everyone else who is glad that Boxley was fired. You present each article as though it is the inside story. It is not. Boxley's record has been carefully examined and his final summation of his work, his conclusions, and recommendations, fell apart completely. No one has the time, especially since he has cost the investigation so much time and money, to check out each facet of what he "discovered." It matters little. The Warren Commission presented much truthful material and certainly discovered an impressive array of evidence. We do not question that. What we question is the use or misuse, as the case may be, that they made of it. Unless you can somehow dispute this argument you are standing on quicksand.

Your references (repeatedly) to "certain Eastern critics of the Warren Report" is a disgrace to your long record of hard work. As you have been repeatedly told, it is not only Vince and Harold who think that Boxley is an agent. Nor is Fensterwald their only ally in this. Other "eastern critics" include myself, Barbara Reid, Jim Garrison, his entire staff, and everyone else I have talked to. On the West Coast we have Maggie Field and Ray Marcus and many others. In fact, with the exception of Bill Turner, you stand alone to the best of my knowledge. And from reading your recent piece, you still have not gone down to see the evidence. In this respect you cannot claim to anymore honesty than the Warren Commission and your conclusions can be no more valid. For once I am thankful that your newspaper reaches so few people. If you must print the Ferrans' stuff, why not just admit your continual and indefensible "defense" of Boxley and flagellation of your friends.

With deep concern,