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Penn Jones, Jr., Editor
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Dear Penn:

I note with some interest your reprinting of Mark's Los Angeles Free Press story, including all of that first-person connecting Mark with all of these things having to do with the Zapruder film with which he had less association than the garlic wafted over the soup. Particularly because Mark's book was the first to appear after an author had access to this film and because all of these things are missing from it is the customary absence of acknowledgment of first publication (which in both cases happens to have been mine) the kind of inappropriateness I have come to expect from Mark who is about to come out with a book that, with total naturalness, says that he alone did the job all by himself and that the job is done. If you would like a copy of Holt-Rinehart's ad in Publishers' Weekly, I will send it to you.

For your information, Mark also is not Garrison's consultant on the Zapruder film and his observations on the print made by Life are shockingly incompetent. It is not "excellent", it is not "first generation" - in fact, it is not even complete.

Mark is a first-generation thief, a man totally without scruple, a lazy, no-goodnick who spends his time Xeroxing the work of other people from Garrison's files at Garrison's expense while billing himself as the unpaid chief investigator (and all the time I thought it was Gurvich!). He steadfastly refuses to do any work, and I have to take time off to go down there and work like hell to do those things he could be doing (I am going again in two weeks).

I hope you are not about to become another one of his publicists.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg