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Dear Ms. Meyerowitz,

That it took ¹⁰nine days for the copy of your ~~asean~~ astounding letter by Ralph E. Luker sent me by my very good friend Dave Wrohe to reach me is only part of the reason for this delay in my writing you about it and about your publication of it. Other reasons begin with my impaired health, the time prescribed care requires, the medical prohibitions imposed on me beginning in 1989 and my age. I'm now almost 88, which my wife is. And it is unwise ^{for me to} ~~do it~~ to leave her alone. This, however, gave me a little time for thought.

I decided that first I would let you know why I am asking of you what I do herein and second ^{that} I will write you at greater length because I believe that traditional editing morals and ethics impose on you the obligation to do what you can to relieve the harm you have done history, me, and as I think Wrohe will also say, him. We have not yet spoken of this but I am confident we will. When we do I'll tell him what is in this letter, of which I'll also send him a copy.

Because not a word Luker wrote is true - and this is literal, not a figure of speech, I think you owe yourself, your publication, the history you corrupted and me a close to word-for-word response and refutation to the absolutely incredible Luker atrocity you published without any checking at all although ~~he~~ ^{he} is incredibly ~~defamatory~~ ^{defamatory} ~~inflammatory~~ in his falsifications and fabrications and without a single cited source (for there is and can be none for fabrications) or suitable or credible authority of any kind.

Yet your magazine calls itself the Journal of American History with such an irresponsible corruption of it. With this you corrupt the minds of those who write and teach history. Or, you add to the widespread corruption of it by those who in our society had the obligation to take the truth to the people. As no established historian or history publication did.

But you were not alone in failing to meet your obligations to our society or, to put this another way, you were not alone in your sieg heil marching to the official tune of the false and impossible official drummer.

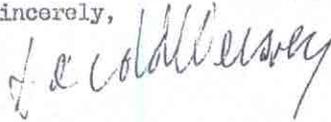
I tell you what I ask of you, not what after this demonstration of your mindset what I expect of you. Your Luker and you appear to be quite uninformed about what I have done and, despite my infirmities and years, continue to do. My file copy and those I will distribute will also be a record for history. And making that has been my objective for 35 years. The volume of this record, mostly of once-suppressed official records, required two interstate moving vans for most

but not all of it to be placed in storage until its permanent home is ready with the space that is being prepared for it. I say no more about this now because I do not burden those who have it (and will have all of it) until the records are accessioned and accessible. I expect to say more of this in what I hope to send you soon.

When you get that I urge you to send a copy to Luker. For that matter, I urge you to send this to him, too.

It will take a little time, too, to send you decent typing and writing when mine are as faulty ~~as~~ as you see.

Sincerely,



Harold Weisberg