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Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Thank you for your letter. Our policy is to publish unedited letters to the editor whenever we possibly can and to invite anyone criticized in the letters to respond. Thus, we published David Wrone's letter criticizing Ralph Luker's review, and we published Ralph Luker's response. We believe that we should allow open dialogue on controversial issues and permit readers to draw their own assessments when historians come to opposing conclusions.

You are understandably disturbed by the harsh tone of Ralph Luker's letter, and I invite you to write your own brief response, if you choose, to be published in a future issue of the Journal. You would need to keep your letter to the editor under two double-spaced, typed pages, and we would, I should warn you, follow our usual policy (stated above) and invite Ralph Luker to respond to any letter you send for publication.

In the meantime, I will, as you ask, forward a copy of the letter you sent me on to Ralph Luker.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,



Joanne Meyerowitz