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Dear Sylvia,

I spent part of Monday night with Dave Welsh, and much of it was pleasant. I said what you said, but more subtly, to him.

The one word I ~~didn't~~ used you didn't is judgement. I also made a few slight comments about their integrity, about their unfortunate "oversight" in not mentioning that Penn had a book, and its title, and about the kinds of subjects that are not appropriate to spoofing.

It was very polite. Naturally, it was an accident about Penn's book, and, naturally, they used no one else's material in their stuff.

They got a pretty good play here, as did Penn -with no mention of his book, again.

Someone called up Jack McKinney last night to say how good you were (which is exactly what I heard).

Anything new on Manchester? Harper's are now saying that he does, too, say three bullets were fired; someone misunderstood.

Hope you saw Penn. It was good seeing him again.

Enclosed are some UPO clips.

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By the way, I have also challenged Fein to debate his "review" or my book, in the columns of the SR or elsewhere, asked Jack McKinney to challenge him to meet me on those kilocycles, and expect no answer. I have also written the President of UCLA about the subsidy to the coming whitewash, charged a number of other things, made a couple of challenges, and sent Bill and Maggie copies.

Lane blundered badly, even by the account of his loyal partisan Ray. Anybody can win that suit for Liebler, if Lane ever files it. But the people in LA are deeply concerned.

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Work going slowly (Penn was a pleasant one). Had to decline offer to appear on Barry Gray show two weeks ago because I had medical necessities lasting so late into the day I could get there only by flying, cannot afford that and they would not pay it. I'm to get in touch with them when I know I'll be in NYC.

Best,

24 October 1966

Mr. Warren Hinckle, III  
Editor, RAMPARTS  
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San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir,

Your editorial and cover story, "In the Shadow of Dallas," in the November issue, are completely nullified by the cheap farce which appears in the book review section. That shoddy "spoof" betrays RAMPARTS' utter lack of commitment where the assassination and the Warren Report are concerned.

This travesty is not only a self-confession of foul taste, cynicism, and opportunism—it is a gratuitous and vicious attack on every researcher and critic of the Warren Report. It is inexcusable.

It is appalling that the same magazine that produced "Mississippi Eyewitness" could have degenerated to such self-satisfied depravity, such flippancy about serious issues, and such intellectual and moral gangrene.

For all your grandiose crusading against evil, the publication of that sordid lampoon places you in the same camp with the outright pornographers and other befouled merchants who are the assassins of the human spirit.

Yours very truly,

Sylvia Meagher