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Personal

Dear Mr. Aronson,

After 15 months during which so many publishers feared the subject-matter of this book that they so lavishly praised, as the preface indicates, we decided we had no acceptable alternative to this rather unusual form of presentation. Now we can only hope that the book attracts enough attention to overcome these fears and will be sought for printing and distribution through normal channels.

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I hope you will read it, and carefully, for it is somewhat of an understatement. It reaches but a single explicit conclusion, that the job has not been done and must be, completely in public and preferably by Congress. You and other readers will find it difficult not to reach many other and possibly even more shocking reasons from the evidence. As you will see, the book restricts itself entirely to the official evidence. With that alone it destroys every major conclusion of the Report and much, much, more.

Please also notice that the focus is on the Report and the staff (which, of course, includes the FBI, which provided most investigative and technical services) rather than the Commission and its members. To a degree, the Introduction explains why. I think the evidence and facts surrounding the inquiry will show that the members were too busy to concern themselves as much as they should with the inquiry, its line and direction. It is my personal belief, not stated in the book, that Earl Warren was first cajoled and then had.

Except for a few small additions, this book was finished in mid-February 1965. It is supported by about a third of a million words of notes. I believe you will find it more solid than anything else of which I now know.

We are without income or funds and deeper in debt for this printing. We have no public-relations or advertising program, and as of this writing, which is in advance of receipt of the book from the printer, have made no arrangements for distribution. If there is any way in which you can help, we'd certainly appreciate it. Also, could you advertise it on a per inquiry basis, that is, collect a fee for each order, as in radio? Or would you care to sell it and make the bookstore's profit?

We'd also appreciate any suggestions you'd care to make.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg