

Mr. Kenneth W. Kalcheim, review editor  
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Dear Mr. Kalcheim,

When I read your letter of the 14th I was inclined to dismiss it as arrogance, perhaps that of inexperienced youth. But the more I thought about it the more offensive your attitude became and the more outrageous your posture seemed.

You bill yourselves as "The First Newsweekly of the New Libertarian Movement," whatever that may be. From my earlier contacts with those using the same name the word "liberty" is inappropriate.

It is false for you to allege that my refusal to give you free copies, that is, to make an exception of you, as I had explained, means "that does limit the sales... especially among libertarians who are extremely interested in the assassinations and have never heard of you or your books."

Aside from the false meaning this gives to "news" in your claim to being a "news-weekly," this is a remarkable indictment of your libertarians. My first book, the first on the subject, was a best-seller in the original and paperback-reprint forms.

But if your readers do not know about this work, which is the basic work in the field in which you say they are so interested, that is your responsibility, not mine. I have never heard news or reporting defined as freebies. And if the NYTimes and WxPost and the news weeklies without libertarian in their claim can pay I see no reason why you should not unless you intend the customary ripoff, most books never being reviewed.

You do not, for example, tell me that you give your publication away. Or that the Times of Time given you a free subscription. Or that you work without salary, as I do. (And without subsidy, too.)

If as a result of my not letting you put your feet in the trough, or rip me off, "libertarians will have to settle for books by Lane, Anson, Groden, etc." then you have unloaded still another journalistic self-indictment. I spare you and your ignorance comment on those books. Instead I remind you that the obligation of any editor is to inform, not beg.

However, I do thank you for this statement of the "libertarian" view of news and journalistic obligations and principles, especially on so significant a subject as the nullification of an entire system of society and of elections.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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From the Desk of the Review Editor: **Kenneth W. Kalcheim**  
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I quite appreciate the fact that you no longer send out review copies of your books. However, that does limit the sales of your books especially among libertarians who are extremely interested in the assassinations yet have never heard of you or your books.

It is unfortunate that this is the case but I guess that libertarians will have to settle for books by Lane, Anson, Groden, etc.

Sincerely,  
Kenneth W. Kalcheim

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