

---

## The New York Review of Books

250 West Fifty-Seventh Street  
New York City, New York 10019  
PLaza 7-8070

July 27, 1966

Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Mrs. Epstein has passed your letter on to me. I regret very much that you have found our recent article offensive. I can assure you, however, that Professor Popkin outlined most of the main points of his article to the editors in conversations and correspondence well before a copy of your book was available to him. He had been working on the case since the appearance of the 26 volumes and had, to my knowledge, put forward views on the case to colleagues and others as early as the end of 1964. Indeed I note in my files a reference to his work by another Professor in a letter dated February, 1965. I should add that the title was chosen by the editors, who had not read your book at the time, and the article itself does mention your book and acknowledges its importance at a number of points. I am sorry that Professor Popkin's article should have disturbed you but am sure that he neither intended nor engaged in any untoward practice when he wrote it.

Yours sincerely,



R. B. Silvers

Mr. Harold Weisberg  
Hyattstown, Md. 20734