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Editor,
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Dear Sir:

So the author of your Kennedy assassination article in last Sunday's Times Magazine thinks Harold Weisberg is a Maryland farmer. Very interesting. I would be more inclined to say your author - if that is what he is - would qualify as a New York tyrist. Or establishment hack.

I do not believe that either that author or the Times believes this nonsense, which makes you both liars. But in case you do believe such crap, it should be pointed out to you that your major premise - Oswald as assassin - is conclusively and irrefutably discredited by the well-known Altgens photo showing Oswald standing there in the doorway at the moment of the shooting. But even more interesting is the circumstance that such as the Times find it appropriate and necessary to make another attempt, at this late date, to hustle such crap on the public. Things must be tough in the horseshit market, and thought maybe I should be sorry for you, I somehow am not.

Also, that routine about "new evidence" doesn't go over. The Altgens photo, which will be your Waterloo, is as old as any of the evidence. And anybody who has ever used any kind of bolt action rifle knows that even the most fanatically practiced devotee could not get off even three unaimed rounds in the time Oswald is supposed to have fired three aimed shots. Your arguments are actually aimed at the gullible and uninformed, so you owe the rest at least an apology, and all of us a confession of what, complicity?

So come off it.

John Haviland

cc* Harold Weisberg