

You wear the Emperor's clothes, as you may. You are an agent, which is your right. You are grossly insulting, based upon nothing more than your own lack of knowledge and self esteem, a right you have already taken unto yourself.

But I do not believe and am unwilling to believe that The New York Times wants you to exercise for it the rights of suppression, censorship and factual error. This is what you have done. There is nothing I can do or shall try to do about it other than to protest it to you.

Your letter of the first reveals even less understanding of the Epstein book than your review, certain less of the subject than you claim with such sweeping statements which have no basis in fact and none in reasonable opinion. Epstein and through you the Times, became the creature of one faction of the former staff of the Commission in its quest for self-justification, at the expense of others, especially the chairman. Without ever examining the question, he agrees with the fundamental and entirely untenable conclusion that Oswald was at least an assassin, and he could do this only because his association with the testimony and exhibits, ~~was~~ skillful flackery to the contrary notwithstanding was like that of the boxed garlic to the stew.

Thirteen people at the Times have found use for <sup>free</sup> copies of WHITEWASH, the last copy being requested in the book-review department "for editorial use in the office"

Several of your executives read it in manuscript and expressed opinions quite opposite to you, when you speak for "thinking people" who, no doubt have authorized you. And we have, without advertising, anything like the usual distribution, help of any kind - even cash - sold 7,800 copies. How many of the book whose existence you do acknowledge, even without the handicaps of WHITEWASH, do this in their entire lifetime, not in a few short months? To those who take the motto of the Times seriously, this might in itself be considered news.

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