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May 21, 1966

Mr. Arthur A. Cohen, Vice President
Molt, Rinehart & Winston, Inc.
388 Madison Ave.,
New York, N.Y. 10017

Dear Mr. Cohen,

Under date of May 17, Mr. Mark Lane replied to my letter to you of May 11.
It notes a copy was sent you

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Harold Weisberg
Hyattstown, Md. 20734
June 11, 1966

Editor, Publishers' Weekly
1180 Avenue of the Americas
New York, N.Y. 10036

Dear Editor,

News interest in WHITEWASH: THE REPORT ON THE WARREN REPORT, launched this book and Viking's INQUEST spectacularly in an eight-column, across the top of the front page story in the Washington Post May 29. Since then, coast-to-coast news play has fostered interest in this privately-printed book that was declined by more than 60 U.S. publishers.

This is a report on WHITEWASH: THE REPORT ON THE WARREN REPORT, as of June 8:

Of the 5,000 copies printed, 2751 are in distribution or sold, aside from unelicited mail orders addressed to the author. The first 17 stores in the Washington area took an average of 39 copies each. Distributors handling the book are A&A, Bookazine, Diamondstein, District News, Raymar and Como Sales.

Reports at the ABA meeting indicate this in an exceptional reception for a private printing, especially one made by offset reproduction of the typescript.

The book is 6x9 and heavy 60-lb stock with a stitched cover and is amply illuminated with documentation from the testimony and exhibits, including such shocking intelligence as the cropped photograph of the assassination to hide essential facts; the certification of the chief autopsy doctor that he burned the first draft in his home fireplace; the second draft of the autopsy in which substantive rather than editorial changes were made, including the elimination of the statement of the Dallas doctor that the President was, in fact, shot from the front; the official Marine Corps certification that Oswald was a poor shot; the autopsy chart showing the President's rear non-fatal wound was not in the neck but six inches down on the back; and four equally official but self-contradictory and all wrong official Dallas Police photographs impossibly used in the reconstruction of the "crime of the century".

In order to justify the single explicit conclusion, that the job was not done and must be, entirely in public and preferably by Congress, WHITEWASH had to destroy all the major conclusions of the Warren Commission. The author-publisher believes he did this with only the official testimony and exhibits of the Commission.

WHITEWASH received high praises from international correspondents who most frequently describe it as "fascinating". Covers include extensive blurbing from them and editors whose publishers declined the book. The author was interviewed by prominent reviewers during ABA convention.

All distribution was accomplished without any advertising and prior to any reviewing.

Printing was by Merkle Press, Washington, D.C., with photography by Double Dot, also of Washington. Reprint interest has already been manifested.

If (as I hope) you would like more information, please let me know.

Author and publisher.

Sincerely yours,
Harold Weisberg