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Mr. David Jelsh, West Editor Remperte 1182 Chestnut 3t., Menlo Bark, Celif.

Dear Mr. Welsh.

Mrs. Sylvia Meagher has sent me a copy of your letter and suggested I write you. I have written a book satisfied "Whitewash: The Report on the Warron Report". It is the result of about 7,000 hours of work and is supported by about a third of a million typed ords of notes, besides what is now begin ing to disappear from my mind. It was completed a year ago, persuant to a contract, which was broken by the excited and happy publisher, while revine about the sevence-sale indications, after what to me was a mysterious trip to Cashington. Since then I have offered it to more than 50 owher publishers and several abword. About half wil' not bouch the subject, hence will not read the book. Of those who did read it, it is no exaggeration to say most present it really highly, singling out aspecially its moderation and responsibility, its convincing and ressoned tone, its interest and readebility, etc. There was not a single credible adverse editorial opinion. One of the largest hourses, after thur readings but before the owner recalled his governmental difficulties, said this would be the best-selling book of 1995. I telieve Frs. Progher is going tomerite you end that you may be more willing to credit her opinion than mine. - believe I destroyed each and every one of the Completion's major conclusions and an awful lot more, all with its own evidence and nothing else. There is unessailable proof of the Mundapur ignoring, misrepresentation, distortion, destruction, manipulation and even total suppression of evidence. And I think you may find what I did with the misrepresented and suppressed protes spinic evidence quite excetding.

The book is now under consideration by two houses, both I which have given it dentative approval and both of which have misgivings they have not seen fit to share with me. I am hopeful of hearing more chortly. Tearwhile, friends associated with the reside movement are impressed with my work and have inquired into the cost of a private printing on the possibility of Cinencing it. I on broke and this book has cost me between \$30,000 and \$40,000. In fact, I'm in debt. That's why I didn't answer your subscription meiling, which I received after secing the sorgent on TT. Congretulations!

Messawhile, one of the very largest megazines was interested in a 20,000 word surmary until they read the book, when they found it too tightly drafted to condense edequately in less then 40,000 words. Its length is short 110,000 words. I howeful that if and when I grrange for pablication, I can show that that one of the three parts of the book stands entirely on its orn and rekindle their interest. This will mean a considerable amount of sorey for me and will rouch a very desireable audience. Also, I think it might be unwise to make any magazine arrengement until there is done cortainty about book publication, because it aften he end that the publishors have lines to the megazines. None of this meens I'm not interested in what you plan, for the opposite is true. I'm really just thinking out loud with you. I should, within a short while, let you know more. Mconwhile, moy I ask you a few questions, assuming you might be decided and because one small and several contents of submark that he small and provided to the small and provided the smal

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in aerialization. Would you prefer a series of short, stiff challenges to the Commission that might be made newsworthy and could easily be sent the opposes and legislators. Things like that. and, for a men who is without funds and has a heavy investment, what you pay is important. What is your present circulation - and sek this to se if we do make some arrangement, whother it could facilitate publication as a book, which I believe to be important in accomplishing the result we both went.

As of today, I can send you a copy. Ix am, however, trying to keep my copies busy. If you want to read it, how long will it take.

I have not seen Mrs. Cougher's work, but " have had a sample of her knowledge, and it is impressive. Aside from hers, " have seen nothing that compares with mine, especially in theoreughness and eracipility. him I may not unduly modesh, I'll space you the kind things Mrs. Meagher soid other than her description of the book and "outstending and brilliant" and that I "have seen much farther into the evidence than others - myself included - who have analyzed the same aspect..."

One other thing makes me anxious for normal commercial publication. My book has been read by several major correspondents, one of when sent it to an executive of his, a major paper. They are impressed and I expect a solid and respectful news treatment, which should help do what we all sant.

"yy I address myself to your letter: The language "...unvil the Marran Commission is respond". There is, I fear, a major pitfell here. My book demends a real investigation, preferable by Congress, and entirely in public. An old anotive would be the experiment of a commission of outstanding citizens, not government connected but with powers graited them to function, and with the saversory system of justice functioning. For all its defects, there is now no chance of eliciting any significant imoviledge from an investigation without cross-examination. The members of the Marran Commission are too deeply committed, and it is caking too much to expect them to prove they white-weshed. Likewise, there should be no government investigators, for all the agencies are complicated in the fast shuffle.

To it possible you have connections with regular book-publishers who might be interested in my book and would bring it out speedily:

Should you read my book, if you have a set of the 26 volumes you will find virtually 100% of the source material by the extensive foctnoting. The few exceptions are references to court proceedings, risquoted or misrepresented newspaper accounts to the originals of which I refer, etc.

Whether or not snything comes of this, I do went to encourage you to push sheed with your project. It is a minimum national necessity, and an urgent one. It, as I believe my book does, eddresses itself most directly to the "crisis in csedibility". It is important knowledge for the antire pasce movement, for it documents the extent to which the government will go to misrepresent in the interest of what it wrongly considers the national necessity. One last comment, if you read my book, please beer in mind I deliberately understated for a number of readens, one of which was because I think this is more effective and persuasive. There are many things 4 left out. First of all, the books is already long. Then, I do not believe the omissions are at all necessary. As it stands, I believe my book entirely destroys the Courission and its entire Report. I find the executive editors agree with me, if their bosses do not.

Sincerely yours,

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