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Dear Mike,

650,000 is a problem if it is \$\$, if it is Look's, Manchester's, even if it is a Kennedy's. It is understated too much. There is also involved a young fortune at Harper's and the vast amounts the book might earn throughout the world before it bombs out (or can that make it worth more?).

I have in no way changed my opinion that the Kennedy's will disassociate themselves from it. In fact, I feel more confident about this. My own apprehensions of the potential of the book are on record for more than a year.

Of the living, Bobby is the one it will really hurt, for it is the unofficial whitewash.

From a phone call I got from New York today I gather the eminent historian has also misquoted or incompletely quoted the Report, something that will not help anyone, not even those it benefits.

More than disassociation from the Manchester book, I consider it possible that the Kennedy's may exercise their option and buy it up. If this happens, the public explanations can be simple and direct: they feel their interest in the book has been misconstrued, that they in no way intend to influence what has been or will be said, and that because it has been widely misinterpreted that this book is under their sponsorship, they believe in the interest of all parties they end this misunderstanding by withdrawing it.

We'll see.

Best regards,

Harold Weisberg

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Dear Harold:

Thank you for your letter of October 8. I have passed it on to John Hunt, Editor of Speaking Out, so that he may know of your talents.

What d'ya mean 650,000 is a problem?

Kindest regards,


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