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Mr. Larry Weintraub
Chicago Sun-Times
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Weintraub,

The text I read, 40 pre-Agnew years ago, says a reporter must be objective. But I guess objectivity is something like beauty, which exists in the eye of the beholder.

It has been a long time since I wrote you calling Skolnick a crook and asking your help in undoing the damage he and the unquestioning publicity, of which you were part, have done and can yet do.

I will prove this more overwhelmingly than you can conceive, for all of that which was mine (the rest was fake or unprovable either way) had markings added for other purposes. You will ultimately find that the castigation he got in the Kerner case was a kindness and, where it refers to his mania for publicity, a considerable understatement.

And his alleged suit, which is spurious and of ulterior purpose, is also a monument to incompetence.

These charges, from a man who has done more work by far than anyone in the field, is not news in Chicago, not news to you?

Lest the Lord scath the city, the watchmen waketh in vain.

Were it within my financial capability, I'd be in Chicago, with a few words about the casting of notes and the throwing of stones. And I'd file the suit already drafted.

With a challenge to a TV confrontation I think Skolnick will not relish. The time is available. I cannot get there.

Whether I can get there or not I do not know. Whether I can prevent the ultimate evils still probable, I do not know. I do know, as a man without funds can, I will try.

And I think in the end you will not be proud.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg