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Dear Mr. Lerner,

As I believe I told you, I am trying to make and leave as full and accurate record as I can about all aspects of the JFK assassination.

As you have no way of knowing, my work grew into a rather large study of the failure of all our basic institutions in that time of great stress and since then.

So, I am pleased that your response, if I can use the word, to my second letter is a form postcard.

Our press failed us and continues to. Although a small part of it, you are part of the press. And the small part of which you are part perpetuates its failure, as you did and continue to do.

When the press fails to meet its obligation to inform the people truthfully that tends to subvert our democratic system.

When the crime that was the subject of your faulty articles in itself subverts our system, the failure of the press is more serious and more of a subversion, including you.

You did not and you cannot refute the criticisms I sent you.

And now copout with a form postcard.

I accept this as an unspoken confession and as such I welcome it.

While not Being Merlins we can none of us remember the future, for the future you have made the case that across the board, all of the media failed us and continues to. Especially the intellectuals.

For which thank you!


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DEAR MR. LERNER ,

My friend, Harold Weisberg, of Frederick, Md. has let me be privy to your exchange with him over the JFKilling and the way Oliver Stone has "stoned" it.

Mr. Weisberg is probably the best authority on the assassination. He was the first to question the Warren report and his six books on the subject are probably the best treatment of the matter.

So I suggest that you lean on him for a much more accurate account of the killing than Stone or the other theorists (or fantasists) have offered.

I much enjoy your magazine. Are you the son of Max?

Yours sincerely,



Rabbi Samuel M. Silver

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Dear Friend:

I'm sorry that I have to send you this form postcard acknowledging your letter, but I can promise you that I will give serious thought to the issues you've raised. We get hundreds of letters each month, so I can't promise you that we will use your letter in the magazine. What I can promise is that I will show your letter to others who work with the magazine and will carefully consider the points you are making. So if you don't see your letter in print, you may nevertheless see some future changes in the magazine or new perspectives--our attempt to take your ideas seriously. So thank you for writing.

Sincerely yours,
Michael Lerner, Ph.D.