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Dear Mr. Michelson,

Thanks for your letter of 2/22. I hope what you are about to do is an improvement.

My belief that what is needed is a dialogue (note I do not employ your word, "symposium") is unchanged. I will cooperate with whoever you pass the idea along to if at the time I can and if I am in accord with the format.

It must be obvious that there must be some reason why six members of the former staff of the commission will go along with Mr. Griffin's proposal but none will debate me under any circumstance. It should give pause to whoever you pass the idea along to. I'll not be party to any further whitewashing, and that is what I suspect is the intent.

I am interested in knowing which of those you call "author-critics" found "merit" in Mr. Griffin's proposal. As I once told you, all those who pretend to be "critics" are not.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg



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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

As I have resigned from this organization, it is of course necessary to drop plans for production here of a symposium on the Warren Report and its criticisms as initially suggested by Burt W. Griffin.

Response to my initial invitations was gratifying. At least six of the Warren Commission staff members and three of the author-critics found merit in Mr. Griffin's proposal.

Because I continue to believe there is a historical need for such a symposium, I am passing along the proposal to a larger broadcasting organization. Perhaps--and hopefully--they will carry the plan forward.

I appreciate the advice and interest you expressed and am deeply sorry that the program couldn't have reached fruition here.

Very truly,

Herb Michelson

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