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EDITORIAL #1 Scandalous Charges

Broadcast of this editorial by WWDC Vice President Perry S. Samuels was on December 28, 1967. We welcome comments.

New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison, in what seems to us to be a frantic attempt for continued publicity, has finally torn it, as far as we are concerned. His most recent charges are that President Johnson, among others, is aware that Lee Harvey Oswald did not assassinate President John Kennedy.

Now we have read and listened, with some curiosity, to the criticisms of the Warren Report of the President's assassination, and the theories and counter-theories and minutia of discrepancies which seem to indicate to some people inconsistencies in the report. We have always felt that, while anything is possible, we would have to rely on the statements of a blue-ribbon investigatory panel headed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and appointed by the President of the United States, over its detractors.

It seems incongruous to us that this substantial number of the most prestigious officials and citizens of the United States would, or even could if they would, lie to the American public or withhold vital information. We still feel the same way. But Garrison's charges are -- in addition to being unbelievable -- scandalous and vicious. His charge that the President of the United States would withhold information indicating Oswald was not the assassin, and his implications that the President and the F.B.I. were involved in the assassination are deplorable and take their place with the statement of Robert Welsh of the Burch Society that President Eisenhower was part of a Communist conspiracy. The ugly part about it is that regardless of how far fetched the New Orleans District Attorney's charges are, some small number of people will give even some small credence to his charges.

We do not and we hope you don't either.

Thank you for your interest.

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