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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

The Torresdale of your boyhood days has long vanished, for it is no longer country, and I certainly would not risk a swim in the Delaware today. Yet despite the disappearance of the Arcadian countryside, this area of the Greater Northeast is still quite attractive.

I surely understand your preoccupation these days, and I am anxiously looking forward to the third part of your Report on the Warren Commission and, of course, to your written reply to Mr. Manchester.

As for the matter discussed in our letters, I am in the process of contacting our public-relations director who, I hope, will be able to arrange an appearance for you on one of the local radio stations. If he is able to do so, then, as you suggest in your letter, your appearance on Philadelphia radio could be made to coincide with your meeting at Holy Family. Certainly, late March or even April—or, for that matter, at your convenience—would be acceptable at this end. All of this, to be sure, rests upon the variables mentioned above.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your graciousness, and I can only hope that the possibilities materialize. However, if our plan proves an impossibility, then you might be interested to know that we still intend to proceed with a discussion of your book late in March. It should prove interesting.

Very truly yours,

Thomas F. Lombardi, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Lombardi,

One of my earliest recollections of boyhood is the infrequent family outing when a truck was available and we all piled in and drove to Torresdale and a swim in the Delaware. This was many years ago, when that was in the country. I haven't been there since.

Generally speaking the answer to your invitation is "yes", subject to necessities at the time you select. I have had to curtail my speaking for a number of reasons, and what appearances I have made lately have been at colleges. I find the present college generation, as I have met it, entirely unlike the newspaper representation, and I welcome the opportunities for meetings and discussions with it.

As you can see from the enclosed, I am working on the third part of my own Report on the Warren Report. I am, because of appearances and continuing research and other needs, behind schedule on it. I am also now writing an answer to Manchester. These are the main problems. Also, whenever I do make an appearance, I try and have it coincide with the opportunity to appear on radio or TV, which appreciably widens the audience and helps make up for the fact that too few institutions can afford to pay what a speaker must get. Were I to speak at night, it might be able to coincide with a daytime appearance. The only radio or TV facilities I've enjoyed in Phila. are on Jack McInney's show. If your school has a public-relations director and he has connections with the TV and radio stations, could he learn whether a daytime appearance on one of them could be made to coincide with the meeting?

In the near future, I shall have to arrange for a lecture bureau. Until then, I have fixed no honorarium and where the one customary at the institutions permits, except that. Sometimes this is a hardship, for we have not as yet broken even on our work and have three years without income invested in it.

As of now, the later in March the better, for I do want to complete the rough draft of the Manchester book by then.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Weisberg



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February 2, 1967

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I am writing on behalf of the academic dean requesting information concerning the possibility of a speaking engagement at a future date here at Holy Family College. I would like to know if you accept speaking engagements on college campuses, and if you do, at what date you might be available to appear at Holy Family. Since Holy Family is a small college, I would appreciate knowing the fee for such an engagement.

I am familiar with your book Whitewash and have had the pleasure to hear you present your position on station W.C.A.U. here in Philadelphia. The book has generated enthusiastic interest at Holy Family, and we subsequently plan to set aside an evening in the latter part of March (sponsored by the Debating Society) for the explicit purpose of discussing your book.

It would be most exciting—and, as I see it, profitable—if you could be present to elucidate your position.

I am aware that you are undoubtedly preoccupied with other important matters, and it would be understandable if you are unable to accept our invitation. But if you are able to accept, we would be delighted to have you, especially since the topic in question is no trifle matter to the people living on this continent, indeed, to all people around the world.

It would be appreciated if you would supply me with the above information.

Very truly yours,

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