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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Thanks for letting us see this copy of your commentary on
the Warren Commission report. It interested me, it's well written,
and has a tone far more reasoning and concerned than much of what
has been written since the issuing of the summary report.

However, after some discussion here, we are returning it to
you. It is not so easy to explain why we feel we cannot take it on.
I do think criticisms of the report published at this point and beyond
need to refer to something new in the way of investigations because
otherwise it is tempting to come to conclusions, or even to raise ques-
tions, that may turn out to be no more justified than the human tendency
of the commission members to see the evidence in one light. Again, let
me say your manuscript seems to us responsible, revealing no doubt your
background. But the facts that there are books and campaigns now doing
more harm than good, that, on the other hand, there are some new looks --
notably Manchester's -- being taken, and that we simply don't feel we
could do well with a general criticism lead to its return.

As I mentioned, we have had occasion to see other works, some from
a psychological view, some political. One editor here felt a recent
submission, for example, while not for us did contribute new information,
or interpretation, and might well be placed in a magazine. Perhaps, in
view of the fact that the contents and implications of the volumes of
testimony are not widely familiar, you would want to submit one or several
key chapters to such a market. I know you will want to try it with other
houses. I'm sure the doubts and speculations and questions will continue,
but so many of them will continue to be without answers.

Sincerely,

Elsa J. Anderson
Associate Editor

Ms. herewith.