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C O N F I D E N T I A L

N O T F O R Q U O T A T I O N
O R P U B L I C A T I O N

Dear Jim,

The editors of Robert Baker's book, Hidden Memories, were unaware of the failure to use sufficient quotation marks until you brought it to their attention. We surely regret this. We have decided to withdraw the book from publication. We have nearly exhausted the stock, and will not reprint it until these matters are remedied.

I take it that you have gone through the entire book with care and diligence. We would appreciate it if you could send us the list of omissions.

I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely yours,



Paul Kurtz

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Jim Lippard

October 17, 1994

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Dear Paul:

I just received your letter today, which was forwarded from my previous address.

I'm surprised that the editors of *Hidden Memories* weren't aware of the "failure to use sufficient quotation marks until [I] brought it to their attention," since (a) Terence Hines reported it in a book review he submitted to the *Skeptical Inquirer* over a year ago and (b) I only brought Hines' review to the attention of Barry Beyerstein. Ken Frazier rejected Hines' review; I am unaware of whether any explanation was given for the rejection.

I have not examined *Hidden Memories* in much detail, except to verify what Hines has said about it. (It not only quotes without quotation marks or proper referencing, it also contains outright pseudoscience in the section about the brain on pp. 49ff.) So I'm afraid I can't be of much help with that book's revision.

I have, however, examined *They Call It Hypnosis* in considerably more detail, and have already provided you and several others in CSICOP with my report on that book's failure to properly quote and cite its sources. Even with all the work I did looking up references, I'm sure I barely scratched the surface of the inappropriate quotation in that book. In my opinion, that book also should be withdrawn from publication until it is revised.

Sincerely,



Jim Lippard

cc: Barry Beyerstein, Terence Hines