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Readers Split on Carson, Garrison

THE JOHNNY Carson-Jim Garrison confrontation triggered a viewer explosion. Carson has been tabbed "rude" and "intellectual and brilliant" as the result of the verbal give-and-take during the hour that New Orleans District Atty. Jim Garrison occupied the Tonight Show's hot seat.

"We always have had great respect for Johnny Carson as an entertainer," wrote Jan and Richard Norman, but his interrogation of Jim Garrison the other evening stamps Carson in our books as an intellectual and brilliant young man.

"We have followed Mr. Garrison's front-page escapades for many months; and we are convinced that he will continue to make accusations as long as there are TV viewers, magazine editors, and newspaper men willing to listen to him. He has failed in more than a year to come up with any concrete evidence that the Warren commission findings were not truthful.

"It's a crying shame that our laws permit a Jim Garrison to state openly and before millions of viewers that the CIA, FBI, President Johnson, and other prominent government officials were and are aware of the murder of our late and beloved President Kennedy."

FROM J. S. M., Glen Ellyn: "I was most annoyed at Johnny Carson when Jim Garrison, the (district) attorney investigating JFK's assassination, was trying to point out some interesting facts. Why didn't he allow the person to speak?"

"I spent as if Johnny were trying to impress someone with his views; but if he's going to have a guest with something important to say, he should let him say it without continually interrupting. I'm sure there were a lot of listeners who were anxious to hear what Garrison had to say, especially when it appears that there are many unanswered questions about the entire case."

FROM A Dolton housewife: "I am writing in pure disgust from watching the Johnny Carson show. And I hope that other people feel the same as I do. I did not understand why Johnny Carson was so rude to Jim Garrison insofar as he would not let him try to tell the American people about the facts that he had about President Kennedy's assassination without trying to embarrass him.

"Here is a man that has spent time and effort to get at the real truth of this assassination and our government, by getting signed affidavits and photographs, but was constantly being ridiculed by Johnny Carson. Why is our government hiding these facts? And who is Johnny Carson? I question a signed



JIM GARRISON
Strong reaction

affidavit of an American citizen? I have been a great fan of Johnny Carson, but as of tonight I think he just lost one."