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My dear Mr. Israel,

On March 2, 1967 WINS broadcast a copyrighted, exclusive story by Doug Edelson that New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison "believes President Kennedy was murdered by a group of plotters directed from Cuba" and that Garrison's files indicated that Premier Fidel Castro had given orders for the "execution" of the President in the wake of the Bay of Pigs invasion.

As a close student of the Warren Report, as author of the Subject Index to the Warren Report and the Hearings and Exhibits (Scarecrow Press, New York and London, 1966) and of a full-length book on the Warren Report to be published later this year by Bobbs-Merrill, and as a researcher who has been in closest touch with the Garrison story for some weeks, I heard the Edelson "exclusive" with utmost astonishment and alarm. I know for a fact that Edelson has completely misrepresented Mr. Garrison's theory, and I am amazed that WINS disseminated so irresponsible a news report repeatedly for some 24 hours.

It should have been obvious even to a casual student of the New Orleans story that the available evidence pointed not to a Castro-directed plot but exactly in the opposite direction—for David Ferrie, identified as a prime suspect, was known to be a virulent anti-Castroite; others said to be involved with Ferrie were also known to be anti-Castro; and District Attorney Garrison had said of Oswald, who had engaged in pro-Castro activities, that there was no evidence that he (Oswald) killed anybody in Dallas on November 22nd.

How can that possibly add up to a Castro-directed conspiracy?

Critics of the Warren Report have realized for a long time that the discrediting of the lone-assassin-hypothesis set forth in the Warren Report was certain to be followed by an attempt to rehabilitate the Castro-directed conspiracy fraud, first postulated by the Dallas authorities and the "hawks" who advocate armed intervention in Cuba. What we did not foresee was that this naked propaganda maneuver would be made under the guise of "news" by a radio station or group of stations which boasts of its commitment to "public service." Henceforth, I will always be compelled to question the accuracy, objectivity, and motivation of so-called "news" items broadcast by WINS and its sister-stations. I greatly deplore this abuse by WINS and by Doug Edelson of access to a large segment of the public, and the great mischief done by this unconscionable perversion of the facts.

Yours sincerely,

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