

WBZ-TV BOSTON
WINS NEW YORK
KYW-TV PHILADELPHIA
WJZ-TV BALTIMORE
KDKA-TV PITTSBURGH
WOWO FT WAYNE
WIND CHICAGO
KPIX SAN FRANCISCO
KFWB LOS ANGELES

90 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK NY 10016 983-5070

WESTINGHOUSE BROADCASTING COMPANY INC

LARRY H ISRAEL
President Station Group

March 13, 1967

Miss Sylvia Meagher
302 West 12 Street
New York, New York 10014

Dear Miss Meagher:

This will acknowledge your letter of March 5th concerning the WINS news story which dealt with the contents of New Orleans District Attorney Garrison's files on the assassination of President Kennedy.

Perhaps the most difficult decision a news medium must make is whether to reveal highly controversial material of which it has exclusive knowledge. Most careful consideration must be given to the nature of the material, the integrity of the source, the credentials and qualifications of the newsman, and the current context into which the story will be released.

In the particular instance to which you have objected, veteran WINS newsman, Doug Edelson, was given knowledge of the Garrison files by a thoroughly professional man believed to be of unimpeachable integrity. Mr. Edelson's story on WINS simply reported the knowledge about the Garrison files to which he had become privy. His story stated that it remained for Mr. Garrison to prove the material.

The management of WINS gave most careful consideration of the material and how it was to be released. This is always a sensitive decision for a news medium to make.

In light of the current ferment surrounding the Garrison investigation, the management did not feel that it would be responsible to withhold the information contained in the story.

Miss Meagher

-2-

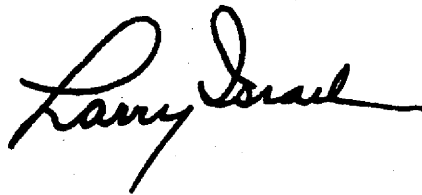
March 13, 1967

Once revealed, the material contained in the Edelson report could be accepted or rejected predicated on whether it could be substantiated, but thus would be "on the record" in a free society.

I must point out to you that the Edelson report has been by no means the only WINS news story concerning the various investigations of the Kennedy assassination. The station has broadcast all significant aspects and developments of the controversy and will continue to do so, in the effort to assure its audience the benefit of every significant fact as it emerges.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Larry Israel". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Larry Israel".

/hr