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Miss Sylvia Meagher
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Dear Miss Meagher;

I am sorry that you do not feel I have responded to your mimeographed answers to the appearance on YOUR RIGHT TO SAY IT by Mr. Jenner.


I fear that "facts" as you and I see them are, indeed, "at cross purposes". You believe, and have every right to do so, that the information you impart, and obtain from books like Mark Lane's, is factual -- while much of the populace is willing to believe the Warren report is just as factual. I do not take either side, at this point, but insist again that Mr. Jenner believes what he reports is factual, and our purpose in putting him on our show was to give answer to the critics of the commission who have received vastly more air time than the representatives of the commission.

Our newsmen are under no obligation to ask specific questions, and we do not brief them in advance. They have the right to say anything they wish, just as do our guests - and we cannot control their feelings or questions. I have yet to hear Jerry Williams (CBS, Chicago) ask unbiased questions of Lane or any other critics of the Warren commission who have appeared on his shows - for he, personally, believes the commission is not completely factual. This is true of all other interviewers I have heard on stations and networks. We felt it was time to at least air the Warren Commission's views, via Mr. Jenner, and let the public compare these responses to the many they may hear constantly from the opposing side.

We are happy to see that you have a special interest in this case, and appreciate your viewpoint in contradiction to the views of Mr. Jenner. However, judgement as to which are true and which are misleading, since this case will probably remain at issue for years to come, will need to be made by each individual as he sees the various reports and books.

What Messrs. Lane and the others "advertise as fact" has been, generally, unopposed and unexposed, as you put it, on program after program. We merely wanted to let the Warren commission view be heard in response. We are sorry if you cannot accept this explanation.

Yours,


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