

February 21, 1977

Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

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Am enclosing a copy of a letter I sent to Lou Gordon in the hope that it might provide a little moral support after that disastrous "interview."

Having lived in the Washington area for 12 years (six of them as a free-lance writer), I am familiar with some of your writings and I admire your tenacity despite the hardships you have suffered.

Like you, I also wrote on a controversial subject (UFOs) during the days when Major Donald Keyhoe headed the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), and came up against many hostile interviewers when I was promoting a book on the subject for Prentice-Hall. Unfortunately, there were so many kooks, crackpots and charlatans in the field and so many ill-prepared interviewers, that promoting an historical book on UFOs became a chore rather than an achievement.

Consequently, I know what it feels like to go through an ordeal like the one you experienced on the Lou Gordon Show.

Presently, I have in my library only "Whitewash I" and "Whitewash II." I would appreciate it if you would forward a list of your other books and information on how I might obtain them. And although I have a half-dozen books pertaining to the Kennedy assassination and the Warren Commission Report, perhaps I could impose on you for a fairly comprehensive reading list on the subject. I know that Sylvia Meir and others have done work in this area; but I do not have their books.

In the meantime, I hope you fare better on future shows and are willing to accept a return engagement on the Lou Gordon show if the invitation is extended.

Wishing you luck and thanking you in advance, I am

Sincerely yours,

Hal Deneault

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Dear Mr. Deneault,

Because we left Hyattstown nine years and more than five months ago it took until today for your letter of the 21st. to get here. I thank you for it very much.

I do not know which part you consider an ordeal but I do suggest that yours is the typical reaction and that this is opposed to Gordon and his method and manner, hence is productive and constructive in informing the audience.

In more than a decade of these things I can't recall one in which there was an opportunity to talk straight at the audience except the least likely, Joe Pyne's. His reaction, his and that of his audience, was fantastic. He then started to reorient the show but did not live long enough to do it.

When you refer to the attitudes on UFOs I know what you mean. I have seen one and I have solid, substantial friends who have made the study of them I have not had time for.

It may have been a sort of form letter, although it was a personal one from the Gordon producer-director, but after the show he wrote and said I'd always be welcome. Mark Lane and Dick Gregory are engaged in a combination disinformation/ripoff on the King assassination for a large sum. After that hook is out I may want to accept another appearance with Gordon.

Four days after you wrote I was called by a reporter on WBZ radio. He was to be a panelist on a TV show on WBZ-TV with George McMillan as the guest. I'd like very much to have a tape of it if you know anyone who tapes such shows. His call was on a Friday evening just before he said he had to be on camera at 7:30. I suspect this was for a taping.

I enclose our list.

The best source for a bibliography is Prof. David Wrono, Department of History, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, Wisc, 54481. I think it is \$1 only.

Her name is spelled Meagher and is pronounced Mahr and her book is fine. So is Presumed Guilty, by Howard Roffman. Sylvia's is in a Vintage reprint, Howards by Barnes.

Incidentally, if you can ever tape any shows on any side of this I'd appreciate a cassette. Always this is for archival value. My records will be at Wisconsin and thus available to all. In addition sometimes there are these scavengers who rip off the public mind to dip into the public pocket. I like to keep up with them. So either way this kinds of tapes are of value for the future.

Please excuse the haste.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg