

August 28, 1967

Mr. Chet Collier  
President, WBC Productions, Inc.  
90 Park Avenue  
New York, New York 10016

Dear Mr. Collier:

When the Merv Griffin Show presenting Charles Roberts was aired, I immediately wrote WMAL-TV (ABC), which broadcast it locally. They telephoned me and said they were forwarding my request for the opportunity to respond to what was personally damaging to me to the Merv Griffin Show. I have never heard more.

Whether you have aired "various facts and views" is not really the point, nor is it that, when mine was the first book on the subject, when I am the only author of one of these books to have continued his work, to have published additional works and the one who first brought out essentially everything that was later said in the various books subsequently published and much that none did, I am one in whom you and this show have had no interest.

I at no time appealed to Westinghouse or to the Merv Griffin Show for airing of me per se. What I have requested and what I again ask for is equal time on the same facilities to defend myself against slanders that are part of a propaganda campaign that you presented to your vast audience, that damage me personally, that were known to be false to their author, who will not, dares not, face me (and has refused to).

When you present a man like Charles Roberts, you are, unless you make a reasonable inquiry, at his mercy; you depend upon his integrity and mortgage yours to his. Had anyone made a careful reading of Roberts' book for you, an independent one not sponsored by the publicists handling it and him, you would have known in advance that what he says of me and my writing is false.

I would hope this meets the requirement of the advertised Westinghouse concept of "fairness". If it does not, I invoke that of the FCC. This is the purpose of the letter you seem not to have understood and of this one.

Aside from this, because the assassination of a President is a great and traumatic event, as is its investigation, I suggest you can better discharge your responsibilities by being familiar with what is available. This certainly includes my three different published books and others yet to appear.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg