

Dear Jim,

3/27/75

I'll be leaving to bring Lil home early because she has a crippling headache today and she has relief in her job.

I wrote the enclosed letter to Delaney, carbon to ABC president, as soon as I returned from taking Lil to work and in a rush because the Baltimore Sunday Sun man was coming today with a photog. I wanted to complete the letter so I could mail it when I go for Lil, which now will be when I complete and mail this.

I do mean the things I say. But I do not say all I have in mind. Some will have to await the future, some may be clear tonight. I'll have to try to stay awake for the show after the promo I caught this morning.

I have come to have faith in the validity of Santayana's dictum about failing to learn from the past. Mine is long, painful and studded with such experiences and people. I know them, their motives and think I know the potential of the misdirected blowing up of the account of the JFK assassination.

A second showing of the A film may well command a larger and more influential audience than the earlier net broadcast of it. I think it will tonight.

I remember the influential Minority ~~News~~ Report Show and with some unpleasantness how all the others were there on my back. But I also remember that each and every Member and all the important staff members were invited and refused. After the show they asked for a separate one of their own. It was granted. But I also wrote that as the senior member of the Minority I would accept reciprocal courtesies when as I assumed they were extended. They were then but not until then, I did accept and show up, and nobody else did.

There are others than Specter who could now demand Fairness Doctrine time. Their side is hardly represented by a Bishop or a Kilduff. My request, postmarked prior to the airing of the show, certainly has to be the prior one if there is a further repeat.

This is one of the not immediately apparent reasons for the letter.

Another is the possibility that ABC does, belatedly, see the potential in all of this and ~~knows~~ those who chickened out on WW IV suddenly lose their falsettos.

At some other if not higher level in NYC there will be some indication that there is and was more. That there is "new" evidence.

(Herein lies one of the evils of the editing of the Black Journal show to eliminate all reference to WWIV. There is no way of knowing whether anyone in NYC really ever saw the book, no reason to believe that anyone there has any awareness of the content, etc. A show was one possible means of reaching others, again the lesson of the past.)

We'll have to see what happens. But disappointed as I am at this thing charging ahead full steam without direction or context and at the bad treatment I've received, these are not the only reason I felt impelled to write so promptly.

I hope that this brings the Playboy thing to a rapid decision, whichever way.

Best,