

11/12/72 Mort Sahl was on a taped TV show on WTTG, Washington, tonight. He had been there a week ago, making a night-club appearance. He is a bit quieter. He made no single reference to the JFK or any other assassination, none to Garrison, not even by indirection getting close to the subject. After all these years, that seems strange. I find myself wondering if it is no more than that he feels he was milked all he can out of it. There seems to be a correlation between his sudden abandonment of the subject and Garrison's very bad showing in his run for judge. Now, although he is hesitant, he describes himself as a "liberal". The first time he was asked, he pretended it is an unwelcome designation. But later, when asked about political entertainers, he did describe himself as liberal, in a sense that this is other than conservative, those being the two words used. But he need not have. He could have gone into his standard routine on liberals and called himself a radical. His political declarations were strangely mild, having to do more with integrity than issues or the organization of society. HW