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Mr. Thomas J. Dougherty
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Dear Mr. Dougherty,

Since last I wrote, I've been away a good deal, wishing so much during my investigations that I could have filmed some of it that in the future would make exciting TV. This includes witnesses who insist the FBI "framed" them, those who were not interviewed at all and should have been, others who were, repeatedly, and never asked the obvious questions. I have delineated an entirely different Oswald in New Orleans, with regular associates not found by the government only because they were unwanted, and a manner of federal behavior most of us though ended with Hitler.

As I earlier indicated, several Metromedia stations deserve a major share of the credit for helping open this subject to general discussion. You refer to KLAS, and I cannot speak highly enough for what they have done, to my own experience. If I am a stranger to radio and TV where I live, I am not on the west coast, and I am happy with the reputation I enjoy there. When two men on KLAS on whose shows I had never before been learned I was to be there, each aired me the same week. Each, from what he said on the air, was quite gratified with the show, as I was with the listener reaction. In fact, on that trip, in Los Angeles and San Francisco, seven people with worthwhile information, phoned me to give it. We simply took them off the air, got their numbers, and phoned them later. Not one was a "nut".

With this truly astounding reaction on radio, I am disappointed that TV does not see the possibilities. It is the truly young medium, the one that really has yet to come into its own, yet it disavows that characteristic of youth, vigor, and loses its opportunities. I have an unpublished book on the autopsy and what relates that I have not called to TV attention because, limited as is the time I have, my past experiences tells me it is a futility. But I think it will make one of the most exciting and lowest-cost "specials" yet.

When I appeared on "Panorama" I was told they'd want me back after their airing of the Lee Crane Show on which I was. When they aired my friend Claude Bouche, who is a wonderful chef, I phoned with the suggestion that when they do, because I am also a national cooking champion, we ^{begin} with a short segment in which I begin the preparation of a casserole dish on camera. It would cook unattended while we do the show, and then we could eat what I've cooked. They like this suggestion also. But I've not heard from them. This, I think is a reflection of the Eastern attitude and of TV's. Yet other TV stations pay my expenses to fly and do shows, too often restricted to the older and well-known data, with all that is new that I have developed and documented.

I began intending to thank you for the tapes of the WCEM Thompson show. If they want me, I'll gladly go there, but I think you should know that if I do a show there and it sells every book I have written that is available in the Baltimore area, it will not pay my costs. This is not my major interest in such appearances. The same thing is true in Washington.

However, I am glad to have the tapes. I look forward to the opportunity to sit down and hear them. Busy as I am now, that will not be in the next few days. The strange thing is that although we are 200,000,000, no one is doing quite what I am, and it takes an enormous amount of time. I think it is important enough to let everything else, including what might yield an income, go.

Perhaps, some time in the near future, you may find time to discuss some of the new material with me. I think that as a lawyer you will be stunned and as a TV man stirred by the possibilities.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Weisberg



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March 11, 1968

Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

In accordance with your letter of February 28, we are enclosing herewith a tape of the program on which Mr. Josiah Thompson appeared as a guest on Gene Burns' program. We would have had this to you sooner, but the package in which the tapes were sent to me arrived at the Washington, D. C. Post Office in damaged condition.

I have just talked to the Program Director at WCBM, who informed me that there are no present plans to air any additional programs on the Warren Commission Report. However, in the event that the station later decides to re-examine the Commission's findings, or to inquire further into this affair, their attention will be directed to your expertise.

I note that you were listed on the program report from Metromedia's Los Angeles radio station as having appeared as an "in-station" guest on February 13. In this connection, I hope that all went well with your appearance.

Very truly yours,

METROMEDIA, INC.

Thomas J. Dougherty
Assistant Secretary

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