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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Frederick, Maryland 21701

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Your letter dated January 18 to the Manager of Metromedia's Radio Station WCBM in Baltimore, Maryland, has been referred to me. At the outset, may I express my surprise that you did not contact me about your request that you be afforded time on WCBM. I am surprised simply because we have met on more than one occasion and you and I have personally discussed your book and the findings of the Warren Commission.

I am enclosing herewith a tape which includes extracts of a program on which Dr. Josiah Thompson appeared, rather than forwarding you three hours of tape. I instructed the WCBM Programming Department to extract the portions of the program where your name was mentioned and to include around those portions enough other materials so that you could get the trend of the discussion.

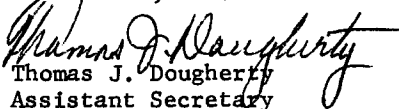
After reviewing this tape, I am sure that you will come to the same conclusion that I have -- that the most that is involved here is a very minor difference between experts in the field. There is nothing defamatory or in any way derogatory. Nor, in my humble opinion, does it require another appearance by you on WCBM.

You question our judgment in going far afield to present another viewpoint on this matter when we have the leading expert in the field readily available to us in our area. We sought out Dr. Thompson simply in order to give our listeners another analysis of the facts surrounding the assassination of our late President. We felt fully justified in doing so, inasmuch as you have appeared not only on WCBM but on all of the Metromedia television stations. Moreover, as I recall, Metromedia has telecast two programs featuring you on WTTG, so that your viewpoint on the whole episode was well aired to the viewers of the Washington-Baltimore area. Additionally, we held preview parties, where you addressed the press from both cities and explained your analysis of the assassination.

Under all of these circumstances, Mr. Weisberg, I am sure that you will acknowledge that Metromedia has treated you and your viewpoint with the utmost respect and fairness.

Very truly yours,

METROMEDIA, INC.


Thomas J. Dougherty
Assistant Secretary

Enclosure.

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Manager
WOPM
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir,

I have just been told of the recent broadcast by Josiah Thompson on your station. What has been reported to me is that he said and inferred defamatory things about me and my writing.

I am, therefore, writing to ask for a transcript or sound tape so that I may hear what he did say and to request time for proper response, on the same program and with the same advance billing.

The tape may be at 1 7/8, 3 3/4 or 7 1/2 ips. My only interest in quality is that what he and the callers said be distinguishable.

If what has been represented to me is correct, then, of course, I have been damaged and the longer the damage goes uncorrected the greater it is.

May I also express my surprise at two things: when the author of most of the work in this field is in your area, you reach so far afield to present not a local man instead and in entirely unoriginal work, save for the irresponsibility and error he adds to fact first brought to light by others, primarily me; and when your personnel heard what he was saying about me they did not inform me.

I am looking forward to hearing from you as soon as possible for my own schedule will soon take me out of town for some time.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Weisberg