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Mr. MacAleer
Program Director, WOR
1440 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. MacAleer,

Prior to the beginning of the taping of the Marthe Dean Special Wednesday I gave her a card with my name and address and the titles of my two books. I explained to her that while the first is now available in a Dell reprint, the second is still a private printing and is not in most of the bookstores in the areas your signal reaches. She agreed to give my address, as every radio station on which I've appeared always has, so that those listeners who wanted to write me or whose bookstores did not have my books could get them. She specified that she would do it at the end of the program. I am informed that she did not.

You will recall that I asked this same thing of you at the end of the taping and you assured me this would be done.

One of those who phoned me after I returned home yesterday, after explaining that she spent more than an hour trying to get through to your station because your phone stayed busy, told me your people would not tell her how to reach me. It then took her, she said, several more hours to learn my phone number. When you consider that we live in a town that has a population of 137 when everyone is home you can understand her problem - and mine.

What you can do about the past, I do not know. But I do know that you intend to repeat the show, and I know it is possible you may get more calls before then. May I ask that your switchboard operator be given my address, which appears in full above, and, if you'd like, my phones: 301-WA6-2034;TR4-4246? Thank you.

To those of you who make your living putting radio programs together and on the air there comes an impersonalness that is essential to your functioning and well-being. There also comes an essential confidence in what you do and can do, to what you know. I told Miss Dean before the show that this is a very complicated subject in which, I believe, I have spent more time and more concentrated time than anyone else and that there was too much I do not know. I also told her that it was characteristic of some people of the government-cannot-be-wrong bent of mind to substitute their hopes for facts. She protested she knew the intimate details, which obviously she neither did nor does. The result is that, especially with the quite unfair if not dishonest award of that major part of all the time to Mr. Nizer with my continued and repeated denial of an opportunity to answer him, you/station, despite its unquestioned good intentions, broadcast what I believe to be the largest single blast of lies, untruths and distortions on a subject that involves the national honor and integrity and, without doubt, a major number of people were misinformed. I could not tell Miss Dean that this has been Mr. Nizer's practice. But her failure to keep her advance promise and her steadfast refusal during the show to make it good, while it may have made for a more dramatic program, did not make for the broadcast of the kind of honest fact citizens of a democratic society require of that society is to function properly. This, despite the to me clear good intent of WOR, I do regret.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Weisberg