

March 16, 1969

Mr. James Hudgens, v.p.
WTOP-TV
Broadcast House
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Hudgens,

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Without your having answered my complaint of partisanship and inaccuracy of 11 days ago, you repeat it tonight, this time with Drew Pearson, who was tasteless enough to make his false charge libellous. Your stations, like their owners, have a thing on the Warren Commission that in itself is in conspicuous poor taste when you face government proceedings and have not, to my knowledge, answered a small competitor's charge of electronic news monopoly.

Pearson personally has refused to examine evidence showing there is substantial doubt about the Warren Report. I, personally, have made this offer to him in writing and by phone on a number of occasions. This same is true of his colleague Jack Anderson. If you doubt me, I will produce the letters and the records of the (free) books delivered. Particularly because they have refused to examine the available evidence on the other side does this cast them and you with them in the role of propogandists.

When those who are among the most affluent writers in the country dare say that others write for profit and speak for high fees, it is a miserable performance. It is also entirely false. Most of the speeches I have made have been without fee, including those at the request of members of your staff, where I neither asked nor was offered my expenses. It is a rare thing when my out-of-town paid speeches repay the cost, not counting the time for which you and he are well rewarded. Of those who have written books, I doubt if more than one showed any profit at all. In my own case, I have been without income for five years and have gone about \$40,000 in debt seeking to do what those so well paid among my colleagues, whose close to sacred obligation it has been and is, have refused to do.

I also call to your attention my frequent offers to WTOP to supply documented evidence to support everything I might say and cite the proof that on the one occasion it was called for I delivered.

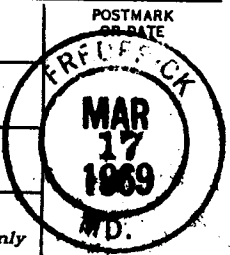
For you, the wealthiest of the press in the area, to so misuse your power and virtual monopoly is a great shame, a debasement of a once-honorable calling and an unending sycophancy. I again ask for identical facilities to respond to this newest falsehood and slander and renew my request of the past. I also ask a transcript of Pearson's broadcast.

Disgustedly yours,

Harold Weisberg

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