

Huntley-Brinkley Report of 8/3 had item that ACLU had asked the FBI (Lil says she heard FBI, I do not recall) to investigate its charge that Jim Garrison was intimidating those who disagree with him. There was no such story in the Washington Post 8/4. The import of the NBC presentation was that the National ACLU had made the demand. I was speaking to MacDonald of the London Times 8/4 when he told he he had seen an item on this on the wire. I know they have AP but do not know if that is all they have. He read the item to me. It also did not say whether it was the local or the national ACLU, but that story had a New Orleans date line. I spoke to Bill Lucas by phone evening of 8/4. He did not know about it and did not recall seeing it in the local papers. This suggests that NBC knew when no one else did, which in turn suggests they were in on it. It is Lucas' opinion as a lawyer that, especially coming just before the beginning of the Andrews trial, scheduled for 8/9, this is an intrusion into a legal proceeding.