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Dear Jerry,

This was really it and will make, I think, the most exciting program yet. I took it over ~~some~~ completely and so dramatically that instead of being the one-fourth part of a normally two-hour show I'm going to be the entire thing, kind of a special! Everybody was so excited and so wonderful, especially Burke, and especially because of his public image I emphasize this. The producer and director came up to me when it was over, going on one a.m., together with other members of the staff, and said such nice things. They almost formed a ~~big~~ circle around me and walked me down to the door. Really, everybody was wonderful, especially the organized lawyers someone had gotten there to clobber me. They were best of all because they were such perfect foils, so anything but radical right, so apparently reasonable and rational, so wrong and so persistent in coming after me.

I cannot now tell you the whole story. There just isn't time and I have many letters to write, of which this is but the first. On my return, which was ten o'clock yesterday morning (I was so physically and intellectually exhausted I couldn't even sleep in an air-conditioned hotel room and was up and leaving by 4:30 even though I didn't get to sleep until after two) I found other good news and calls. Raymar called again, for still another 500 copies! I now have to reprint and will as soon as enough money comes in to pay the printer and we have the index done. If this is a quite weekend and my wife can hold up it'll be ready for final typing Monday a.m. I have edited all of it in the past day save about an hour's work today. My radio appearance in Phila. 7/22 will be for four hours and solo, save for the Curtis Crawford who will interrogate me. My TV appearance there has been set for the 28th.

When the Burke show will be aired I do not know. I was too tired when it was over to think to ask if it would still be the 23rd., what I was told at the beginning. If I hear, I'll let you know. Will you let me know if you hear? And will you tell the fairy godmother, in case some of her ogres are interested?

I'm very curious to learn, at sometime in the future I presume I will, how an organized group of mature lawyers, all armed with copies of my book, which I was able to show they had neither read nor understood as an alternative to misrepresenting it, and copies of the Report, knew about the show and were there for the explicit purpose of tearing me apart. But I'm grateful to whoever arranged it, even if he was an enemy.

Sincerely,