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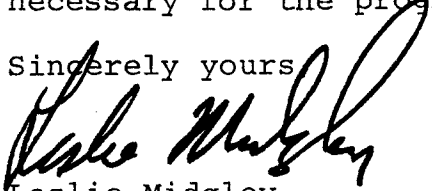
Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I regret your decision not to be available for an interview for the broadcast we're devoting to the Martin Luther King assassination and the current status of the case against James Earl Ray. I am especially sorry since it was James Earl Ray's current attorney who suggested you were both the least restricted and the best qualified person to present the position of the defense.

Our lawsuit in Memphis was instituted in an attempt to clear up some of the questions raised by the evidence entered at James Earl Ray's guilty plea proceedings on March 10, 1969. Our intention is simply to get as close as possible to the truth. Frankly, I'm surprised you consider that prejudicial to the rights of James Earl Ray.

I simply do not understand what you mean on page 3 by "a normal arrangement with me." Do you mean that we should have paid for your research? And I can't see how we could be ripping off your work. We do the research we find necessary for the programs we broadcast.

Sincerely yours



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