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Dear Jim,

If you had only 10 candlepower daytime you have a helluva audience and a responsive one!

This long after the few minutes we did by phone I'm still getting an exceptional reaction. (These letters today, one with stamped, return-addressed envelope.)

Not a single nut letter, not a single not literate, and most expressing opinions (favorable to us both).

I have not been publicly active lately, but since I last did your show I can recall radio and TV in New York City, Washington, Memphis, New Orleans, Chicago and Los Angeles and probably a few others. From not one did I receive the reaction I got from those few minutes by phone.

These are not letters from kids. A fair percentage are signed "Mrs." While some may be of the generation that was young in JFK's day, I get the impression that by and large they are older.

No kidding, Jim, it is (for it continues) that good a reaction.

Thanks!

Part of the mystery of what would once have been atypical behavior by Jim Eason was partly clarified today when I got a call from a man whose name I did not catch. He is taping a show at a Sacramento TV station tomorrow. He had called Jim, on the air, about Jaworski, apparently after the story got a little attention. Jim gave him the gotta go old buddy routine and then, off the air, told him he could not go into that and if he were interested in more, to get in touch with me.

The TV show will include Zap with Don Rather added as sound track. I've suggested leaving Rather out and that he not now be attacked, since nothing could be gained and something could be lost; and that the most effective way is to let the viewer see and decide for himself. Said he agreed.

He is to take call-ins and to have Mary Ferrell on a conference-call setup from Dallas. He says Bob Cutler has done a Chap-EMK book dealing with a plot to kidnap Mary Jo and more I don't remember. The mind boggled. 250 private print, talking with London publisher. I asked if this were really the way to mark the 10 anniv. and did he really want to dilute the subject and more than anything else, could that be more than baseless conjecture, so did he really want to go into when there was so much solid evidence unknown to so many. He said he agreed.

There is a new generation of these characters who have done no work of their own, were taken by Garrison et al and repeat that nonsense as though it were beyond question. He is but one. Another, part of a Cambridge, Mass. group, spent almost two hours on the phone Sunday. Mocking how little they know but they are on the college circuit. They, too, go for the Garrison/Computers insanities and repeat, with slides.

Much of today, tonight to 10 p.m., on phone re or taping shows. Turned down invitation to go to NYC to do TV show Wed. (impossible). Taped hour to Chicago, spent more than hour discussing one in DC tomorrow a.m.

Phone call from NYC indicates considerable success for Executive Action movie. Had been in one of the houses. Now in both, first time both ever had same show.

Freed and Lane at NY area college tonight. They apparently have many appearances lined up (with National Guard, what else?) Freed in TV today, according to another NY call.

Wacht taped in Penn area, broadcast DC NPR station tonight. He heard part, called me and

I taped heard last half hour. Considerable passion, error, conjecture and talk about what he doesn't understand, almost all from books not personal knowledge and wilder ravings of others (LHO trips agent, "aria's uncle USSR spoke, etc.). BW 11/19/75