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Mr. William Ray, Chief
Complaints and Compliance Division
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Ray,

After hearing from you pursuant to my correspondence with Commissioner Nicholas
"Johnson, I wrote CBS at New York and at Washington. I sent you copies of the correspondence.
I asked of CBS time to present the opposite side of the questions raised by Jerry Griffin
and Percy Foreman relating to the subject of political assassinations, the workings of our
system of justice, the rights of the unpopular and indigent defendant and whether or not
justice is available to him and all the ramifications that are involved. I think these
are important national questions.

While I was away on a long trip I received the enclosed letter from Mr. Leonard
Ackerman, CBS attorney, dated November 17. He in effect holds that this is not a "contro-
versial issue." Aside from the obvious refutation of this, it being CBS's policy stand on
the subject of political assassinations generally, the Harris poll is an overwhelming
contrary argument. In my personal experience CBS has even censored legitimate news on
this general subject and specifically on this specific case.

I am, therefore, writing to ask the help of the Commission in getting an opportunity
to present the side other than that presented by Mr. Foreman (who was very much parti pris,
having been the lawyer who brought what happened to pass), the side CBS has steadfastly
refused to air.

Your files should also show that I asked WJZ-TV in Baltimore for the opportunity of
presenting this other side, they having aired Jim Bishop on the David Frost Show. I wrote
the Frost Show after this first airing. They never responded. Instead they aired Bishop
again. I wrote again and was again unanswered. There has been no response of any kind
after a month and a half, so here also I ask the Commission's help. In this case also the
subject was the King assassination, the avoidance of a trial for James Earl Ray, etc.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

Bud--does not a turn-down provide an opportunity
for a hearing, meaning an airing? And should I
ask Jimmie to have me ask for time to respond
in his name, each show having called him the
shooter, something he has never admitted and
denies?