

July 17, 1971

Mr. Royal E. Blakeman
Marshall, Bratter, Greene, Allison & Tucker
430 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10022

Dear Mr. Blakeman:

My publishers inform me that the Merv Griffin staff has refused to air me in response to Percy Foreman, who I understand is held in high regard by Mr. Griffin. I am the author of FRAME-UP: The Martin Luther King-James Earl Ray Case, the only book opposing the official posture on and "solution" to this assassination. My book is critical of Mr. Foreman's performance in this case.

I understand a copy has been provided to your staff.

I know a copy was provided to Mr. Foreman. I know he departed a New York TV station rather than confront me, leaving threats for another to deliver. And I know he has not responded to my letter in answer to the threat, as he did not to the one in which I told him in advance of completion of the writing what I believed and solicited any comment to the contrary for inclusion (sent certified, with receipt).

While the foregoing is immaterial to this renewal of a request for a similar opportunity on your show (to which I believe I am entitled under the law, if not under your own fairness doctrine), I present it as suggestive that Mr. Foreman is without serious, legitimate complaint about the fact in my book.

On checking my files, I find that your show has twice before refused to present the other side on what I regard as a controversial issue, including in at least one case what I think can fairly be described as the promotion of what is a personal (and quite inaccurate) attack on me and my work in the field of political assassinations. It has, therefore, been consistent in presenting only the official "line".

My work is little understood by those who do not read it and depend, instead, upon secondary sources. However, it focuses on the integrity of the institutions of our society, in the hope that it can help give them viability, in the hope that they can yet be made to work where they have not.

I enclose two such secondary sources, professional reviews in the trade press.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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