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Mr. Carl F. Trunk, Attorney
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Dear Mr. Trunk,

Your letter of January 9 reiterates a statement of position, not of fact.

All of the delay to this point has been on the WBC end. This includes, as the correspondence shows, routing my letters to the wrong people, when then forget to answer them. By now I am confident none of your people have the slightest idea of the content of the broadcasts about which I have written. The legitimacy of my complaint in the Roberts case is reflected by the attitude of the station to which I first wrote, which then wrote you. In the case of the "Kilduff" broadcast, your Mr. Davis's initial reaction and that of Mr. Kilduff himself amply establish the fact. In fact, it was Mr. Kilduff who offered to go to WBC and retract. This unfulfilled promise is what delayed me in that case.

This is not simply a case of giving both sides, and even that you did not do.

What you did was to air what is clearly a "personal attack" on me. I think there can be no doubt that within the meaning of the regulations, these constituted attacks on my "honesty, character, integrity or like personal qualities". In the case of Charles Roberts, what you were further doing is promoting a book which has this as its explicit end. In the case of "Kilduff", that was the purpose of his comment. I think there is no doubt about the applicability of the regulation.

What is in doubt is that you have made a fair inquiry and acted on that basis. You have merely said "no" as a matter of policy. That I cannot accept.

Because of the long delay, I now ask that you look up what was actually aired in each case and send me copies. I think once you see the exact language little doubt will remain in your mind.

And I do hope you will do this expeditiously. These broadcasts were and were designed to be hurtful to me. The longer fair response is delayed, the more they are damaging.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Leisberg