

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc.
51 West 52nd Street
New York, New York 10019

In re: Complaint of Mr. Harold Weisberg
Dated December 14, 1971
Against Station CBS

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of a complaint sent to the Commission concerning the operation of your station.

The Commission has no independent information concerning this complaint and has made no determination in the matter. In light of the fairness doctrine and in order to assist the Commission in obtaining further information, you are requested to submit your comments on the complaint, including specific references to the following:

- (a) Please state whether the issue or issues allegedly presented were, in your opinion, controversial issues of public importance at the time of the alleged broadcast.
- (b) If your answer to (a) is affirmative, please state whether you have afforded, or intend to afford, a reasonable opportunity for the presentation of significant contrasting viewpoints on the above issue or issues, and include an accurate summary of the manner in which you have presented or intend to present such contrasting viewpoints.
- (c) If your answer to (a) is negative, please state the reasons for your decision. Even though your answer to (a) was negative did you, in fact, present significant contrasting viewpoints on the above issue or issues. If you did make such presentation please include an accurate summary thereof.

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Your comments need not be limited to the foregoing and should be submitted in duplicate, within ten days of the date of this letter. You are also requested to send a copy of your response to the complainant.

If the complainant is not satisfied with your response and wishes to submit comments on it, complainant should file such comments in duplicate, within seven days of the date of receipt of your response. Should no comments be received from the complainant, it will be assumed the complainant does not wish to take issue with the licensee's response. In either event, the Commission will then determine what action, if any, is appropriate in light of the information before it. In order to expedite consideration of this complaint, it is suggested that you and the complainant furnish each other with copies of all further correspondence sent to the Commission.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ William B. Ray

William B. Ray, Chief
Complaints and Compliance Division
for Chief, Broadcast Bureau

Enclosure

cc: Joseph DeFranco, Esq.
Mr. Harold Weisberg