

Dear Bob,

4/20/92

First, thanks and then this hasty explanation of my haste that I hope does not add to confusion that seems to exist down there.

I am medically prohibited from lifting more than 15 pounds. Has nothing to do with my being 79. I really do not understand why but after my 1989 heart surgery I was told this and it was reiterated when a hernia developed there and at every subsequent checkup. So, we make packages heavier than I'm permitted to lift first in the hope that someone will be here who can put it in the trunk of the car so I can drive it to the post office, where there is always someone who will carry it in. If nobody comes I call a friend and bother him to do it for me.

I'd heard from Mary Ferrell, who was upset about the KXAS series and about a claim to have aired what had not been aired or known before but she did not tell me what. The Bark story you sent (3/24/92) gives me a better understanding but I still do not know what. However, on getting Mary's letter I wrote Overton, copy to Mary. Then Snyder phoned me. He said he'd send me a cassette of the series but he hasn't. *What did he use?*

Overton is correct in calling him a workaholic and he impressed me as a very good reporter. They worked so intensively they asked me if they could be here early in the morning, driving up from Washington, more than an hour's drive. I said sure. They said how early and I replied 3 a.m. This is because as I've since learned I have sleep apnea. It means that when I sleep I sometimes do not breathe. It also means that I wake up wide awake after very little sleep. Usually 4-5 hours. So, I go to bed early to get a little more sleep before I'm wide awake. I aim for 7 and I'm wide awake as early as 11-22. If they had not made a wrong turn they'd have been here at 3 and they were not very late. They worked until about 6, when we went for breakfast so I could show them where to eat and then how to get onto the highway back to Washington.

It is not unknown for reporters to exaggerate a scoop but I do not believe that Mike had that intention. I think he just misunderstood when I said some things had never been shown on TV before to the best of my knowledge. And that is true. I think there was reference to a transcript. I published that more than 15 years ago and gave it away and it was used, but not on TV, months earlier.

They'd had little sleep, they were working intensively and I think that if he made an exaggerated claim it was most likely because he'd misunderstood. However, nothing that he got here had gotten much attention and Bark is obviously ignorant and using what he was told by others because what I gave Mike was not published in by Davis or to the best of my recollection North.

If you have any other clippings or any other information of this I'd appreciate it. Thanks. I don't suppose that the paper that owns a competitive TV station went out of its way to say anything about the series when it was aired ^{competitively} but if you have any clippings of any kind on the shows I'd appreciate them.

I considered Snyder's interview good enough to ask him for all of it. Best,

Howard