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Dear both,

It is now a week since I expected to hear from Tom and haven't.

We worked in the archive 1/20 until 5 p.m., then drove to where he had parked the car he said he'd borrowed from a friend in Baltimore, unnamed. I stopped in a no parking place and told him if he'd sit in the car I'd not get a ticket, then ran into a building there to see if the bookstore had taken from those of his monographs Ray Marcus sent me those he wanted. I was a few minutes learning the manager wasn't there. On return to the car, Tom wasn't in it. He soon returned and told me his plans, to go to ~~PHILADELPHIA~~ New York in quest of Mrs. Connell. He was going to return to Washington Sunday night, 1/22, and, I gather, be in the archive the next day. I did not get the call I expected Sunday night and did not see him in the archive the next two days. Although I had not planned to go both days I did ~~not~~

I do not know whether to be concerned or not.

Little else new. I got tossed off the Majority Report Special because of what I did to Nizer's reputation on the WOR special. They gave a different reason that makes no sense and frankly, I'm disappointed in Mel and Paul. This cost me a lot of time and money and needed exposure I gave up to protect their interest. It is, to my mind, dishonest because we had a specific understanding. Every thing I did was conditioned by that. This includes also some things I did not do that I would or might have. But, there is nothing I can do. I can only hope that Mark Lane plays above his head. His contempt for fact continues to disturb me and leads me to believe the day may come when we will ally for it.

Playboy sent me a copy and asked me for comment. I gave them a very reserved one, but I'm disgusted at Mark's flagrant dishonesty.

The history of this special is that I alone challenged the Commission's lawyers, all of them. Enough had accepted before I was. I went to the taping and no one was there. Then they asked me if I'd tackled Nizer with Scooby and Belin, alone, and I agreed if I got whatever Nizer got paid. They agreed. After the Nizer show I wrote them and said I expected Schoenbrun to really be a moderator, not a bomb like Bishop, and to keep the show, esp. Nizer, honest, no endless flow of nonstop lies and slanders, etc.

Let me know if you've heard from Tom. He also mentioned a friend in New York, also unnamed. My present plans call for leaving for New York ~~2/3~~. I'm due in Hartford, Conn. 2/7, Boston 2/8, Burlington, Vt, 2/9, and I'll return 2/10, probably late, perhaps stopping off in NYC. We sure are looking forward to your visit. Be sure to let me know where to meet you and when.

Yours,