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Dear 'in,

After lng delay and wasted correspondence, I had a helpful call from the FCC in response to my appeals for fairness-doctrine time to respond to Foreman on Griffin and Bishop on Frost (twice). I have not yet heard from Cavett but will wait a while longer before writing the network. He had a vacation. I also wrote his agent.

Under the regulations, writing the show does not qualify, as the shows were careful not to tell me. I have to write a licensee. In the case of Griffin, I have written CBS, cc to their DE lawyer. In the case of Frost, I have written WJZ-TV in "altamore, which airs the show and further, earlier refused me time to give our, the other side. I'll keep you posted.

Griffin also refused to air me when O&D asked for it.

I think all shows will be hard put to showing any airing of the other side, in news or anything else.

The FCC does not require the same show, but they do require equivalent audience. They can't, for example, offer me a 2 a.m. spot.

Early this a.m. I heard an inadequate Mutual News broadcast quoting one of Ray's (unnamed) former lawyers to the effect that he was not at all worried about being captured because he expected Wallace's election and a full pardon. I saw nothing in the Post. The story was from Memphis, so I wonder why Foreman, the more likely prospect, was there.

I think we should follow this, for one of the more likely possibilities is his taking on the defense of the now-accused 23 cops!

If true, wow! I can't afford to phone Wayne or 'in, but I think one of you should.

Best,