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Dear Ms. O'Hara,

Thanks for your letter of the 4th. I'm sorry there was no response to my 9/9 letter because since then the damage to me has been compounded. I do not presume that NBC wants this and I certainly do not.

Until I have reason to believe otherwise I also am not going to assume that you wrote me a letter with lawyer's evasions built in. Instead I'll correct your second paragraph.

I neither said nor suggested that the Mann operation is "a news documentary on current theories regarding Dr. King's assassination." Unlike most of those who are given attention by the media because they are theorizers (at best) my work and I are scrupulously factual. My information is that Mr. Mann, having prepared something on the JFK assassination, is working on a "special" for use in April. I did not assume that he was a staff employee of either NBC News or any other part of NBC.

It would have been helpful to me if you had said there is no connection of any kind between NBC and Mr. Mann, is this is the case.

The first report that reached me is that he was engaged in this project for ABC. However, on the Thursday or Friday before I first wrote Mr. Schlosser NBC News did phone me after taping what was aired that Saturday. The reporter, who has a copy of my first book on the King assassination, was fairly certain that what NBC had taped as new and credited to Mr. Mann was my work. As best I can recall, NBC they said that Mann was doing this special for NBC. This is one of the reasons I asked for tapes of the outtakes and what NBC did air. (There was a later TV bit, probably 9/30 or 10/1 because I was away both those days. I was also away 9/16 and 17.) I believe this serves NBC's interest as well as mine.

With the attention NBC News did give to this thievery, whether or not it is by NBC, what NBC News knew was thievery before it was aired, other thefts are proliferating. In today's mail I have another from a news service. You can understand my motive when you know I have not taken action against NBC. I hope you can understand one of my concerns when I tell you I have a book two-thirds written after well over 5,000 hours of work. Another is the gross deception of the Congress by these unscrupulous people. In what I have received, written and on tape, NBC and Mr. Mann have represented my stolen work as their own and their original work, in association with Mark Lane and a motley crew of his. I have a tape of a broadcast by Mr. Lane taking this as his original work and saying he is in association with Mr. Mann. I have a similar tape of a Chicago broadcast by Mr. Mann, in which he praises Lane's "original" work lavishly.

I look forward to the further response you promise. I hope it is soon. This is getting much more damaging daily.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg