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WILLIAM R. McANDREW
President

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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I am replying to your letter of August 16, 1967, to Mr. Julian Goodman, since the program, "The JFK Conspiracy: The Case of Jim Garrison", was presented by NBC News.

The program was an examination of the methods used by the New Orleans District Attorney's office in its investigation into an alleged conspiracy to assassinate President John F. Kennedy.

During the weeks following the initial publicity of Mr. Garrison's investigation, his office publicly explained certain of the methods being used in its investigation and released or made available material to newspapers, radio and television. NBC News considered the subject of these methods newsworthy and appropriate for journalistic scrutiny, as have various other news media and, accordingly, the program referred to was prepared and broadcast by NBC. In accordance with its policy of providing full coverage of differing views on questions of public import, NBC offered Mr. Garrison an opportunity to present his response on the NBC television network. Mr. Garrison accepted this offer, and to the extent he desired, commented without restrictions on his office's methods. We believe his

appearance fully satisfied any obligation to present Mr. Garrison's views and we, therefore, respectfully deny your request for an appearance.

We must also take issue with your belief that NBC took an editorial position in its program. The commitment of NBC News was to ascertain and report fully the facts and it is our belief that the program reflected an impartial journalistic inquiry and fairly presented its subject matter.

With respect to the discussions concerning your possible appearance, as with all documentaries, preliminary discussions were held with a number of potential participants. Since its content was directed solely to an examination of the District Attorney's methods, there was no occasion for your appearance. Let me assure you that the choice of participants was solely a news judgement.

Best wishes.


Sincerely,



William R. McAndrew

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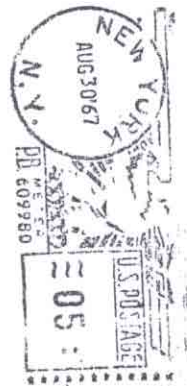
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