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Dear Howard,

I am writing to ask a slight favor. For me to ask almost anything of the Archives is a futility. At the very least there will be a delay of not less than two months in any response.

Newman makes a big thing about LHO listening to his little radio, which he is careful to be indefinite about in describing. The description is merely "multiband". In Europe long wave, a higher wave length than standard am, is common, this a set getting standard and long-wave is "multiband". He also refers to three pushbuttons on it. Pushbuttons are not a common way of shifting from one wave-length to another. Throw switches are cheaper and better, either lever or rotary. I suspect that set was not as described.

Please ask the Archives to try and xerox the face of the failing in that, to tell you what frequencies it could pick up. Cite Harlene Roberts' testimony, that he often listened to it, and say you are interested in its capacity to pick up foreign broadcasts, as from Russia or China. Ask also if they have an FBI report on this.

Newman is real sick, not worth even looking at, but I may want to ridicule him some times.

His failure to specify the frequencies possible after saying he examined the set is pretty conspicuous. The entire mess is "motivation", and that, he says, comes from Radio Havana. Indications are that he either had access to classified government intercepts or spent all his time taping Radio Havana (and reading The Militant).

Thanks,