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Dear Shirley,

Thanks for the very welcome expense check which arrived today.

Had I not the need to express the thanks I'd in any event have written in haste about Penn Jones, Jr., who I have mentioned on your wonderful kilocycles in the past. He is up from Texas, in the East, with Ramparts, which uses much of his book "Forgive My Grief" in the current issue (without naming his book, alas.)

Penn is a stalwart character, a real man in stature though slight in build, a courageous guy anywhere and especially in Texas, and most particularly because of his speciality, the strange deaths. You may have heard my references to the anti-scientific upsteeting of the actuarial tables (a phrase he also uses) by the assorted deaths of those in some way or another connected with the assassination. I know also from the questions that have come to me on your program of the considerable interest among your listeners on this subject. I think he could, in his own, dry, drawled Texas way give Jack a very good show. I spent much of yesterday with him. I also tried with Ramparts' pr man, who some of you people know, Marc Stone, and with Dave Welsh of the magazine, to arrange for his availability for Jack. I got the promise they'd try. But I do know the schedule was tight and I believe they did not know of Jack's so-interested and so educated audience on this subject.

Penn has made many radio and TV appearances and can give an exciting show, especially because Jack knows the subject so well and is adept at asking the right questions.

Maybe if Penn cannot get to you this trip or if you want him and cannot change the schedule for it, you can do the conference phone bit that you now know can be done, from the little town of Midlothian, Texas. His paper is the Midlothian Mirror. Its actual circulation is under 800 copies. But he has won the Elisha Lovejoy award for courage in journalism and was either bombed out, burned out or both, before his present interest, on what he regarded as issues that should be important to a weekly editor. I'm very fond of him. He's got guts and principles. And a wonderful wife.

Again, thanks, and best to you all.

And thanks for your good word to WHIO.

Sincerely,

They did not tell me how they knew of me.

In fact, we were on the air before we knew it. Every little bit helps, me and the subject.

If you can do the same elsewhere, it would be wonderful.

Harold Weisberg