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Mr. Sherman Carmell
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Dear Mr. Carmell,

Your letter of June 19 reminds me that lawyers exist on the troubles of their clients and derive greater profit from the increase of these troubles.

You persist in obfuscations and evasions that confront me with simple choices. For example, the question is not at all, as I have made clear, whether "WCSL participated in the preparation of Mr. Skolnick's law suit", as you so inaccurately put it, but whether they made unauthorized and improper use of my property before it was cloaked in the immunity of the reporting of a filed law suit. There is no question about the facts and the facts are as you persist in avoiding and misrepresenting.

In fact, you have at no point addressed what is at issue.

My choices are to accept this added abuse or to try and do some thing about it. I will make this effort.

I also believe you misrepresent the fairness doctrine. That does not require a personal attack upon me where what is aired is controversial. Correct me if I am wrong and if I am not, ~~do~~ again ask compliance.

In fairness to your client, I am sending a copy of this letter to him, for until you figured in this his employees appeared genuinely sorry about the damage they had done and, if they spoke for management's attitude, indicated a willingness to consider whether or not it could be relieved in an amicable manner. I could not have been more open with them or with you, even offering you whatever you desired of the tapes of these conversations.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

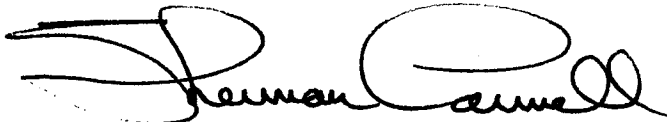
After receipt of your June 2 letter to me, I reviewed the matters with our client. The wire service statement that WCFL participated in the preparation of Mr. Skolnick's law suit was incorrect. With respect to your other assertions, we are satisfied that our client has not been guilty of any infringement of your rights.

Your request for the tape of the news broadcast under the "fairness doctrine" must be denied because no attack, directly or indirectly, was made upon you, nor were you mentioned in any manner.

We must therefore reaffirm our position that our client is not liable to you in any manner.

Very truly yours,

CARMELL & CHARONE

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sherman Carmell", written in a cursive style.

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