

Harold Weisberg
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Dear ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Mike,

As my wife told you, I've just gotten back from one trip and am about to leave on another which will keep me rushing until Christmas. Until after then, and I see how I feel (for I'm past exhaustion now and have an unbelievable schedule ahead) there is nothing I can say.

The way things are going, I'll not be able to do it unless I'm in the area. Several companies are interested in having me do WHITEWASH for radio, 39 weeks, five a week, five minutes a day. I had to tell the one that offered me a contract that I could not begin until after the first of the year. They may change their minds by then. I've also told two universities I'll have to wait before giving them a specific answer. I'm actually filling engagements that I made in warm weather and no other except last night in Jack McKinney's show because of my special fondness and great respect for him and because I could do in while returning from ~~Chicago~~ New York (if you saw today's Times you know one of the new developments that I arranged while there).

Only if I am in the area can I afford to do what Trinity asks. I like to appear at colleges, and Wisconsin is giving me a heavy schedule next week (and \$200.00 plus expenses, which is still under the going rate). I'm so overloaded I've been turning down offers I'd normally accept. Now that the new book is out, and it dates everything except my own work, I think it will get more intense. Frankly, I expect major developments in the near future.

If I'm too tired or too busy I'll still do a show for you by phone after I get back, if that is feasible and we can do it no other way. I'm doing more and more of this, and it has a special kind of attractiveness. I've done two shows for Jerry Williams this way recently and I'm doing another when I'm at Wisconsin, this time live.

There was to be a sequel to the show TIC aired. One of my competitors would do it, a dubious compliment. Did you catch that one? I've learned now about taping and the faces on the cutting-room floor and I think can anticipate things the next time.

That was a rerun on Lonf John. I did that show ~~2~~ in May. They wanted me ~~ag~~ again this past Monday night and although I was in NYC I couldn't make it. I had to postpone an offer from Berry Gray until after Xmas. From this you can see I'm not stalling you.

I think you'll find we are now moving into a new era on this subject.

Hastily,

E. MICHAEL HEID
4705 Twenty-ninth Place, N. W.
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Dear Harold,

November 30, 1966

I guess that was a repeat program of Long John's the other evening. Just happened to catch it after my show. Lasky has always been an idol of mine, and though I was sorry to see two people I admire that much on opposite sides, it made for marvelous listener interest. Having heard you on the radio, I must have you here in Hartford; that is all there is to it.

Interestingly enough, I received a letter from Trinity College here in Hartford, my Alma Mater, stating that they had heard me mention a future visit on my program from you, and would like to sign you up for an hour speaking engagement at the same time. They offered thirty-five dollars, which would cover round-trip train fare and your expenses for a night, I am quite sure.

Do you think with this much of an incentive you might be interested in that trip to Hartford? Every one is waiting. The other night with WTIC showing the three-hour spectacular, I must admit my audience was probably down.

Well, let me know what you think. I am sure I could arrange everything at Trinity for you and of course at the station.

Sincerely,

Mike

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December 7, 1966

Mr. E. Michael Heid
WINF, CBS Radio
Manchester, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Heid:

Unfortunately, your letter of November 30 didn't arrive until yesterday, by which time my husband had been gone for two days. He has a very heavy schedule which will keep him overbusy until Christmas, and I expect him to be at home for only two days at most in that time, and that will be this weekend. As soon as he gets home from a trip, he goes over the accumulation of mail and replies to all letters. I'm sure yours will be among the first he will answer.

Incidentally, that was a repeat program of Long John's you heard.

I'm sorry I can't be more specific.

Sincerely,

Lillian Weisberg