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Dear Mel and Paul,

The show has just gone off down here, and I must write the apology I owe you. Those few specific things I mentioned to Paul I have not changed my mind about, but the total effect is entirely different in the quiet of the home.

Paul will recall that when he said he didn't feel as I did I said possibly it is because there was so much talk and disturbance at the preview. I believe that is the case and that it also hurt the advance notices of the show. If your Washington people have been in touch with you, they may have reflected what I observe of a large part of the press there, aside from the few drunks.

For example, in today's Washington Post Larry Laurent says of it, "The panel argues for three hours. The wrangling leads to no helpful conclusions but those who enjoy exercises in semantics and skilful rhetoric, colored by passionate discourse (presumably me), will enjoy the program".

I learned much from it. You know I never saw the Burke show or heard any of the others (or saw any except the Cronkite show) before.

If I get any further reaction (the first, from a friend with a transcription business, paraphrases what Mel told me) I'll let you know.

I have never had any experience with press previews before, but if there are to be any more in which you are directly or indirectly involved, maybe I can make a few suggestions.

Is my request to represent the minority on the majority show honored?

Sincerely,

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A Minority Report



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