

March 5, 1969

Mr. James A. Hudgens
Vice President, WTOP-TV
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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In your "editorial" tonight you declared that the Warren Commission emerged from the recent New Orleans trial "unimpeached".

This is not accurate, is not fair comment, certainly cannot be based upon what it must be based on to have any validity whatsoever, the testimony in that trial.

Your station, its owner and the network with which it is affiliated have from the first maintained a partisan attitude, discriminating against me in particular and others who believe their government left too much to be desired in the investigation of the President's murder.

I hereby request equal opportunity to respond. I offer to limit myself to just this part of your editorial and in the doing I offer to restrict that to a quotation of the testimony of defense witnesses - those against Garrison.

This, most certainly, is a controversial subject. I am the senior and the best-known local representative of the other side, having published seven books on various aspects of the subject.

I presume you will want to see in advance what I propose to say, and to that also I readily agree. I will also show you the verbatim transcripts, for they were published in the New Orleans papers (and were thus available to you).

For the first time anywhere, the Warren Commission was tested in a court of law, subject to cross-examination. The fact, the uncontested truth, is exactly contrary to your representation. WTOP-TV has failed to report this in its news and has entirely misrepresented it in what it labels its "editorial".

Yours truly,

Harold Weisberg