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Mr. James Hudgens  
WTOP Broadcast House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hudgens,

C Once again WTOP-TV has taken a partisan position on a controversial subject, presenting the preconceptions of its owners and the lack of information and understanding of its staff as "fact".

O I refer to Eddie Gallagher's broadcast of Clay Blair, Jr. today, in which, as is his right, he presented a cheap pot-boiler as the definitive work on the Ray case and the trial as the means of ending suppression of the fact. The book, also, in Mr. Gallagher's sycophantic view, ends suppression. Actually, the author knows as little as the book says about the meaning of the minitrial and what was there presented.

P In any event, you have again presented a false view of a controversial national issue, presented a partisan one, and I again ask for an equal opportunity for response. I will not see today's deathless version for I will be out of town.

Y Your station is consistent in taking a disguised editorial view and airing it, as is its owners. The Washington "Post" has been antagonistically partisan, suppressed what it could of criticism of the official ordained "fact", has ordered its reviewers not to review books not consistent with its agreement with the official line and has avoided reporting the news on the other side. "Newsweek" has gone so far as to supply staff to the other side.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg