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Manager
Radio Station WWDC
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

A week or so ago on your Empathy show Mark Lane made personal attacks on me.

I have been told he also refused to confront me over whatever he was saying. This would be the Mark Lane I knew.

Several listeners have told me of hearing the show and calling the station and being told I would be sent a tape of the show preparatory to being permitted the same time and facilities for response.

I have not received the tape or any communication from you. I would like to be able to respond as soon as it is mutually convenient.

I am sorry about the delay because this relates to matters being deliberated by the Congress and to a subject the irresponsibles and the scavengers have exploited unscrupulously, resulting in the deception of large numbers of people and the prolonging of the national pain.

This is possible because stations have to take people on trust. You, for example, have no independent way of knowing that Lane is a long-time crook quite accurately described by former Texas Governor John B. Connally as a scavenger. Over the years the accumulation of the attention he has been given has led to the false belief that he is an expert on the subject. In fact he is a self-propelled encyclopaedia of misinformation.

He is currently engaged in a commercialization and a self-promotion in the King assassination, a project in which he used you earlier. It is not only black people who suffered from that assassination and it is not only black people currently deceived over it by Lane but the ultimate pain to them will be greater.

As best I can plan without hearing the tape what I should like to do is make specific response to Lane's customary lies and distortions and then if he can screw himself up to it have us do the show together. This would give him an ample opportunity to respond to anything I say - only with the requirement that it be to my face and with me also being able then to speak.

Because of acute thrombophlebitis a year and a half ago it is not wise for me to drive as far as your station. I will have to arrange transportation and perhaps a place to stay in Washington that night. I also have to be away part of this coming week. I would appreciate it if you could get cassettes to me before the end of this coming week so I can go over them and be prepared for response the week of the 14th.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg