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Messenger, WYES-TV
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir,

C When you call the presentation of three professional apologists for one side in a controversy a "discussion", you rewrite the dictionary. This is what you do in your ad in the March 3 States-Item.

O Of the three lickpittles you advertised, only one, Aynesworth, can make the slightest pretense of knowing anything at all about the Kennedy assassination. He certainly does know much, for he was the favored utensil of those who so carefully corrupted the public mind, so persistently eliminated the independence of the members of the Warren Commission by the unending, improper and official leaks of the most prejudicial information that, in effect, predetermined and controlled the final decision (of which, from before the beginning, there was little doubt in any event). These are haught but propagandists, and it is for no other purpose that you selected and aired them.

P I ask that you arrange the same time and facilities for me to present the opposite side, as I can from my own work alone. Unlike the pretenders you inflate into a semblance of authority none enjoys, I have done considerable and original work in the field and have published several books on the subject. For this purpose I also offer to present official documentation that has been suppressed, with a generous assist from your station.

Y This is not nastiness, it is fact. In early November, 1967, when you were informed that I was holding a press conference at the New Orleans Press Club to present suppressed evidence on the New Orleans aspect of the investigation of John Kennedy's murder, you were absent. There is and has been but a single book on the evidence as it relates to your city. I do not recall your asking for a copy, nor were you present to pick one up at this press conference, when the book was introduced and given free to the press.

You have been and are partisan. You have been and are afraid to air the truth, to give a second side, to show your audience what happened in their city when their President was murdered. However, in asking for time for response, I promise that with the time I will do nothing else, will not engage in personal controversies (unless you prefer, for there is much personal I would welcome a chance to air in your city), will air what your audience has never seen.

Your partisan position here, at variance with FCC requirements as they are with those of the untrammelled intellect, is nonetheless consistent, for you had no reluctance, from what I have been told, in employing a man who was perfectly satisfied to live with a man of violence known to have repeatedly threatened the President, a man under charge in the local investigation, one who subsequently attempted murder.

-incerely yours,

Harold Weisberg /