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Mr. Arthur A. Schreiber  
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Dear Mr. Schreiber:

If the seriousness with which Westinghouse Broadcasting regards my letter and what is involved in it is reflected in your letter of October 5, it is not consistent with mine. Why it should have been referred to the assistant general manager of a radio station perhaps makes sense to you, for you did respond, even if two months late.

Your response is a non sequitur.

If anything were required to give me determination, this is it.

What the "views" and "theories" surrounding the tragedy may be is not material. Whether additional facts develop likewise is not material. Only ignorance could have you pose this as a question or a possibility, for they exist, have existed, and have been suppressed by Westinghouse (not alone). But then, Westinghouse has cast itself in the role of sycophant and it cares naught for unofficial "theories" or "new" facts.

What is material is that you aired Malcolm Kilduff in a partisan role. I think he is honest enough to concede this designation of what he did is a kindness. Neither Sid Davis nor Mr. Kilduff had the slightest idea of what he was talking about. It was sufficient that you and he could assail those of us who spend the time and make the investment required to learn the truth, to establish and acquire fact.

I did not ask Westinghouse to air me as news. I asked for time under the fairness doctrine. I believe what Mr. Kilduff said is actionable, although I do not make this as a complaint or as a formal point. He did use the word "garbage" in describing my work. He then admitted to me that he had not read anything of what he was talking about. He further said, after we had chatted a while, that he would read my books and if he found them other than he conceived them, would make formal retraction. He has done neither. Further, I invited him to come here and see the vast documentation (100% official) that was, literally, suppressed. That also he did not do.

As soon as you aired him I phoned and spoke to Sid Davis, who invited me to your Washington studio for the taping of a rebuttal. It took me no more than a quarter of an hour to get there. By then Davis changed his mind.

I think there is no doubt of your responsibility under the fairness doctrine decision. I regret it is not Westinghouse's own concept of fairness that is invoked, as I regret Kilduff's abdications. I therefore renew my request for a fair opportunity to respond, under the fairness doctrine.

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Let me make my ~~position~~ clear to you: Had the press exercised its traditional responsibilities at the time of assassination, all or most of the subsequent national tragedies and scandals could have been avoided. However, the press elected to serve as unofficial apologist for erring government. I do not believe that in a democratic society a President may be murdered and consigned to history with the dubious epitaph of what may without exaggeration be described as a fake inquest, without jeopardy to any incumbent and all basic institutions, including the press. To the degree one man can, I will try, as I have been trying, to bring forth truth, right injustice, and make our society function.

It is no credit to Kilduff that he spoke without knowing what he spoke of and knowing that he did not know. It is no credit to Davis or Westinghouse that you sought out an uninformed person to broadcast lies and slanders on a subject such as this. It was damaging to me and to our country. It is even less credit to all parties that they preserve silence rather than willingly seek to correct the error they made, undo the harm they have done.

Whenever you get interested in what you, from the profundity of ignorance, refer to as "new fact", let me know. That is a separate matter. My own writing, based upon solid research, now totals about a million words. I have such fact. I do not anticipate any Westinghouse interest, it having been more than three years since it was first obvious that the national need required such an interest. You have not sought and do not want either "new fact" or anything other than the official line.

My purpose I want again to make clear: A fair opportunity to respond under the fairness doctrine.

I am in the position of writing this letter to the wrong man, thanks to Westinghouse. I hope it can reach the right one in less than an additional two months.

Please note the new address.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg