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Charles D. Ferris
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Ferris:

I have been unable to obtain fairness doctrine time on my local channel 7, WSAU, Wausau, Wisconsin, a CBS affiliate.

After the airing in early February of the network show Ruby and Oswald I requested fairness doctrine time to respond to the gross distortion of the historical reality which the show was. They responded with a single sentence saying they would await an answer from CBS' Salant and then reply to my request in about ten days. After three weeks they had not responded and I wrote again. Now after two weeks they have not replied at all.

The Ruby and Oswald show was a severe distortion of reality, full of misinformation, disinformation, and completely changed the nature of the historical event, in minor detail as well as in major fact. In fourteen years CBS and channel 7 have not shown anything responsible on the subject and channel 7 regards, apparently, any citizen request for fairness doctrine time, a species of crank call or letter.

My views are responsible and I have spent long years doing research and writing on the subject; I have published nationally distributed literature and delivered papers to top historical societies. I reject the extremists, both to the ends of the political spectrum and the official position. I am a recognized scholar and approach the question with care and objectivity.

Since Congress is presently investigating the assassination of President Kennedy channel 7's refusal to permit me fairness doctrine time amounts to a decision to form the public's mind to correspond to the distorted principles of CBS.

Would you obtain fairness doctrine time for me over channel 7?

Sincerely

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