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Garrison's letter to Rosel H. Hyle, chairman of the FCC, charged that NBC had gone beyond "the pretense of merely gathering and disseminating the news," the Times-Picayune said.

The district attorney said the network's actions made him believe that destruction of his case was NBC's "calculated objective," the paper added.

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