

from Letters to the editor:

MIS-QUOTED(?)

As a rustic reporter and innocent, I dashed to the AP after coverage of a speech by U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark at the University of Virginia to report Clark said:

"Much as I hate to do it, I just might have to prosecute Jim Garrison . . . he took a perfectly fine man, Clay Shaw, and ruined him just for personal aggrandizement."

"No!" said Clark, "Never said it, never said it, never . . ." (or—if I may—words to that effect).

Now if there's one thing a reporter doesn't like, it's being called a liar. It's the one sin greater than being wrong. And in this case the reporter was and is utterly convinced he quoted Clark correctly. What's a reporter to do?

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