11/12/72 Mort Sahl was on a taped TV show on WFTG, Washington, tonight. He had been there is a week ago, making a night-club appearance. He is a bit quieter. He made no single reference to the JFK or any other assassination, none to Garrison, not even by indirection getting close to the subject. After all these years, that seems strange. I find myself wondering if it is no more than that he feels he was milked all he can out of it. There seems to be a correlation between his sudden abandonment of the subject and Garrison's very bad showing in his run for judge. Now, although he is hesitant, he describes himself as a "liberal". The first time he was asked, he pretended it is an unwelcome designation. But later, when asked about political entertainers, he did describe himself as liberal, in a sense that this is other than conservative, those being the two words used. But he need not have. He could have gone into his standard routine on liberals and called himself a radical. His political declarations were strangely mild, having to do more with integrity than issues or the organization of society. HW

Bill Buckley had an hour-long show with McFillan, who has a book to promote. It was interesting as a reflection of the man and his attitudes. There was some revelation of historic events, but not much. I taped it in ease you want it. He had an interesting view of Khruschev, that he lacked power, that he was only part of a committee, and that he made a fuss over the U-2 flight only because the military and others made him do it. H