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Editorial

NBC's Letter Answering Complaints

We reprint the letter below for the benefit of those who wanted to but did not write to complain to NBC of Johnny Carson's conduct during the District Attorney Jim Garrison guest appearance on the "Tonight Show." The very fact that NBC used a printed form letter indicated that a great many people did express their displeasure.

NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY
 Thirty Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10020
KATHRYN S. COLE
 Manager
 Department of Information

Dear Viewer:

I have been asked to acknowledge your letter and to express regret you were displeased with Johnny Carson's interview with New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison.

As you know, interviewers often assume the role of

devil's advocate in order to elicit maximum information and clarification from the subject. This often, as in the case at issue, gives the appearance of disagreement between interviewer and subject when, in fact, the interviewer is not expressing any opinion. A careful review shows this was the case with Mr. Garrison's interview.

I can assure you that Mr. Garrison was not in the least discomfited by Mr. Carson's questions, and he left the studio in an atmosphere of cordiality. When he was asked by waiting newsmen if he had anything further to say, he replied that he had said everything he wanted to say on the program.

Thank you for writing and giving us the opportunity to discuss this matter with you.

Sincerely yours,
Kathryn S. Cole

One sentence of the letter deserves further comment. "I can assure you that Mr. Garrison was not in the least discomfited by Mr. Carson's questions, and he left the studio in an atmosphere of cordiality." This is true; however Garrison and Carson had quite an argument after the show, but it was Carson who left in a huff.

Coming Up In The World Or Just Another Coincidence

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Raigorodsky, wealthy white Russians in Dallas, (See: Warren Commission Hearings Vol. IX, page 1 and Forgive My Grief Vol. II) were recent guests at a swank party given by the Clint Murchison's in Dallas, according to news reports.

Other news reports tell of Mrs. Bertha Cheek, sister of Mrs. Earline Roberts, deceased (See Warren Commission Hearings Vol. XIII, Page 382 and Forgive My Grief Vol. I) has purchased a hotel in Dallas for over \$900,000.

Former Deputy Sheriff Roger Craig continues to work in Dallas for \$1.60 per hour.

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