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RICHARD S. SALANT

President

April 11, 1962

Dear Mr. Doig:

By your letter of April 7 you ask about "current CBS policy" regarding covering Congressional hearings.

It is the view of CBS News that, except where security is involved or where there may be special circumstances involving particular witnesses, all Congressional hearings should be open to radio and television coverage. Unfortunately the House of Representatives has adopted a rule which bars radio and television coverage in all House hearings. This is a rule which CBS has long opposed and continues to oppose.

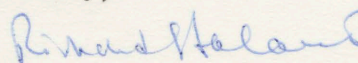
On the Senate side, there is no rule barring radio and television coverage, but the matter is left to the Chairman of each Senate committee. Unfortunately many of the Chairmen bar radio and television coverage.

Where we are permitted to cover hearings by radio and television, there is a single criterion--newsworthiness--and the decision concerning newsworthiness is made by CBS News, that is, either by myself or news correspondents and producers as well as the assignment desk to whom I delegate this decision. The decision is made only by news personnel and by no one else.

I am sure that you have noticed that highlights of those hearings where our cameras are permitted are often included in our news broadcasts. When there are particular hearings which warrant special coverage, we provide such special coverage by breaking into the regular network schedule.

I hope this serves to answer your questions. With best wishes.

Sincerely,



Mr. Ivan Doig
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March 27, 1962

Mr. Ivan Doig
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Dear Mr. Doig:

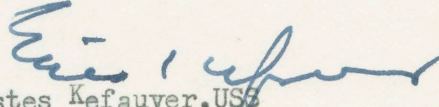
I have received your nice letter of March 19 regarding your visit to Washington during the first week of May.

I suggest that you call my secretary, Mrs. O'Donoghue, when you arrive in town and, if it is at all possible, she will set up a time that is mutually convenient.

I shall be looking forward to having a visit with you.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,


Estes Kefauver, US

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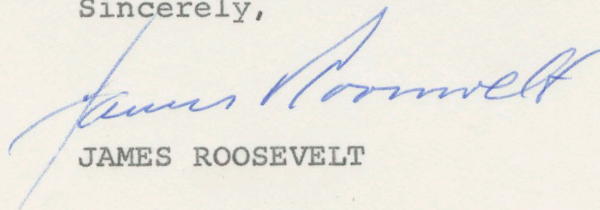
Dear Mr. Doig:

Thank you for your recent letter advising of your trip to Washington in connection with the paper you are writing about Senate Crime Committee hearings.

In response to your request for an appointment, I suggest that you call my office (CA. 4-3121, ext. 5911, Mrs. Barbee) when you arrive in order to work out a mutually convenient time when we can meet briefly, inasmuch as the legislative schedule is expected to be rather full from now until adjournment.

Looking forward to seeing you, and with all best wishes, I am

Sincerely,



JAMES ROOSEVELT

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April 10, 1962

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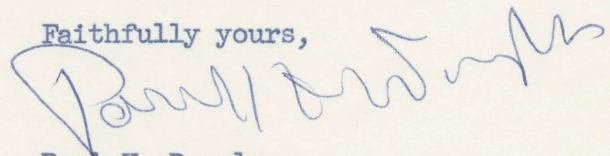
Dear Mr. Doig:

I shall be glad to see you when you come to Washington and if you will get in touch with my secretary, Mrs. Enger, (Capital 4-3121, extension 2152) she will arrange an appropriate hour.

I don't know how much useful information I can give you on Senator Kefauver's Senate Crime Committee hearings but I will be glad to be of whatever assistance I can.

With all best wishes,

Faithfully yours,



Paul H. Douglas

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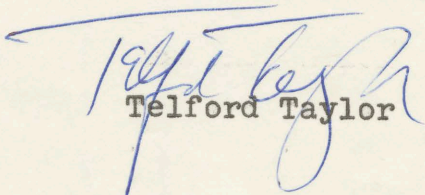
April 13, 1962

Mr. Ivan Doig
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Evanston, Ill.

Dear Mr. Doig:

My schedule in Chicago is almost entirely in the hands of Professor Franklyn S. Haiman, who has organized the symposium. Of course I will be glad to talk to you, but I am unable to say when the best time would be, and suggest that you contact him.

Sincerely yours,


Telford Taylor

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THEODORE F. KOOP

Vice President

April 18, 1962

Dear Mr. Doig:

Mr. Edward F. Ryan of WTOP has given me your letter of April 14, inasmuch as I was news director here for both CBS and WTOP in 1951. I must confess that my recollection of details about television coverage of the Senate Crime Committee hearings is quite hazy.

It is my impression that Senator Kefauver and his committee took the initiative in making broadcast coverage available, rather than a request having come from the industry. Senator Kefauver, himself, probably would be the best source on that point. It is my recollection that the coverage on WTOP-TV was not live to any extent, but consisted principally of ^{filmed} highlights. I believe that station WMAL-TV, the ABC affiliate in Washington, gave much more extensive coverage including live programming. I suggest you get in touch with that station.

As to audience response, I suppose the best sources would be rating agencies such as Nielsen, Pulse and the American Research Bureau.

Very truly yours,

Theodore F. Koop

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