

To Mr Carter

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Mr C R Smith President  
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Dear C.R.:

Mr. Carter has sent me the letter you have written about the movie made at the Madison Square Garden last year.

This will probably make a highly entertaining television show. I presume it is on 16mm sound film; that is what we use on television exclusively.

In reference to the matter of releases from artists on the program -- this is a SERIOUS MATTER with us. Much music, many songs, and a great deal of dialogue, are now restricted against use on television. Then again, certain actors will not permit films to be made of them for television. Their contracts with the movie makers restrict that. Paramount might even forbid Bob Hope to appear in a movie for television, I don't know, but I do know of similar instances. As for the music, even an heir could file a claim.

We could never obtain these releases -- the Air Force Association might. If anyone could, it seems to me they could. I am sure you will be confronted with this obstacle by any television station, and until these clearances are obtained, I doubt if any stations would run it. If one should, I would like to know about it.

The program idea sounds fine, and we would sure be glad to use it on WBAP-TV if it could be made available to us, but without the proper rights to televise, it seems to me the station would be in jeopardy for quite some time. I hope something can be worked out.

Sincerely yours,

HVH:b

Harold Hough