

reluctant to provide the "facts" because that would prejudice their validity and I am opposed to manipulation of the press.

The notion, proposed by some of your callers, and agreed to by your panelists, that the media are subject to the power of the S+L speculators may be attractive to those with paranoid inclinations. However, I suspect that ignorance and laziness is a more significant factor. Journalists, unfortunately, do not receive a very broad and comprehensive education to provide them with a factual basis to inform their perspective. It hardly seems beneficial to explain deficiencies ~~on~~ by blaming the parameters of the various media. I have been unable to detect any difference in the preparation and quality of print, radio or T.V. reporters.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]