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INFO: DAVID HALBERSTAM.

Dear Brian:

I saw your show with David Halberstam, who took great pains to re-write history.

The great witch hunt against Communists in the US did not start in 1948 after Dewey's defeat as Halberstam alleges. In 1947, President Truman issued an Executive Order on the requirement for a loyalty oath. Along with 12 million Americans were required in 1948, to sign the oath under penalty of perjury, as to any membership (I was in the military) in the past/present, in 200 ~~or more~~ subversive organizations, listed by U.S. Attorney General Clark, under Truman. It was estimated that 12 govt/defense workers lost/gave their jobs as a result of this oath.

~~At the time~~ Senator Joe McCarthy was nobody, until he made his famous speech on the number of Communist sympathizers in the State Dept (he used a FBI list) on Lincoln's Birth Day in 1950 in West Virginia. Halberstam covered up the fact that Whittaker Chambers' credibility came

from the fact that while he was a Courier in the Communist spy ring, he was ~~the~~ one of the Senior Editors of Time magazine - a fact few people choose to forget. Halberstam failed to mention how Chamber became a Senior Editor when his previous life included living with a prostitute, alcoholism and drugs.

Halberstam forgot about one of the great historic events of the 50's - that Truman was the first president who refused to run (1952) for the office while the Nation was at war - he got out of the kitchen and abandoned 400,000 men in the Korean "meat grinder". There was no war. In 1950, the U.S. military was ill-equipped to fight a war because of the Truman budget cuts. The 1st U.S. Army tank force sent to Korea had only 6 anti-tank artillery rounds - and we suffered huge numbers of cold casualties because of lack of winter clothing and equipment.

Lastly, I don't recall Halberstam mentioning the Senators LBJ and JFK.

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completely gutted Elbe's Civil Rights Act of 1957 by placing enforcement responsibilities on the state courts, rather than Elbe's request that the Federal Courts have jurisdiction - all this is in the Congressional record - JFK for his efforts was introduced in the South in the 1960 campaign as "the South favorite Yankee" - I know because I was living in Tennessee.

Servery, I took so long.

PS. Communist Watch Hunt

In 1947, Congressman JFK, had 2 union leaders, Kristofen and Buse, Allison Chalmer, sent to jail for refusing to answer his questions, in a House sub-committee hearing, as to their membership in the Communist Party U.S.A. - it in the Record.



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