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From Texas Rangers - Clarence Hartman

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Subject: TEXAS RANGERS AS A GROUP

We, of the Texas Rangers' group, are somewhat disappointed in learning that we are to share the honor to be bestowed on us on next Saturday's broadcast by the Governor of Texas, with someone whom we feel is entirely outside our group. Whatever Tex's relation to the Rangers' group has been in the past we feel has no bearing on the present. We have felt for a long while that he hasn't added anything to our network broadcasts. In fact, we've received quite a number of letters and cards from all parts of the country to that effect. If it is Mr. Church's wish to promote Tex with us, we, of course, can have nothing more to say. However, none of us feel it is quite fair to us as a group.

Sometime ago Mr. Church asked that we be charitable where Tex was concerned which we have sincerely tried to do. Just before Christmas when we had finished a program on which Tex did very badly, I overheard a conversation between Kenneth Cook, Paul Terry and Tex in which Tex blamed the Rangers for his mistakes and he told them that not one of the eight would help him. I immediately reminded him that I had never refused him help when he asked for it and that a few days previous Herb and I both had helped him with the number that he did so badly on that program. He had nothing to say except apologize for the mistake. Had I not overheard the conversation, the impression would have been left as he had tried to make it, and we are convinced that on numerous occasions he has made statements to outsiders that are a detriment to us. If these things are considered fair to us, and it is still Mr. Church's desire that Tex be associated with us then of course we can say nothing more.

It is my understanding that Tex has made the statement that he was a part of the original Texas Ranger group, but I learn from some of the old timers here in the station that he never, at any time, has been a member of the Texas Ranger group.

If there is any doubt about any of these statements, would you be so kind as to confer with Gomer Cool and some of the people who have been employed here longer than Tex has. It seems to us he has been misinformed on some points. I hope we are not speaking out of turn. Thank you.

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It is my feeling that the group has bothered to rise by having Tex included, and it means as much to him as to any person in the group and even more important - it's valuable to know

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