

By keeping one's eyes open in terms of the availability and consistency of information, it is easy to document too many situations wherein the full AND truthful version of a public story is told. When Dallas lost one of its two daily newspapers, the quality and value of coverage plummeted. Even now, I must take the remaining newspaper to get any version of daily news, but I steadfastly refuse to give attention to the television station that is jointly owned, no matter how you slice up the matter of organizational and managerial control. It begs both reason and experience that more centralized and compressed media controls will benefit both our society and the purposes of media. Certainly in terms of awarding licenses to use the public's owned air frequencies the demand is to bend over backward in order to see that the owner public is properly served first, second, third, and more, leaving the media operators to PROVE their worthiness in the marketplace. The rule o!

f law is that once taxes are comingled, those taxes belong to everyone. The airwaves belong to us -- the public. We call upon the Federal Communications Commission to maintain one or more arm's length distances between the operators of licenses and print media, which, of course, you cannot regulate. But you can regulate the former. Sincerely, Marvin C. Steakley