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*Talking show  
Melvyn*

After The Dip oma Magazine was sold in 1966, John Kluge, president of Metrodia, asked me to ~~continue~~ continue with Metromedia as a consultant ~~in~~ <sup>for a radio program called "Panorama"</sup> on television; and for four years, I served in that capacity for a new interview program called "Panorama." It was a "talk show," with two men and a woman on the regular panel, interviewing ~~sixteen~~ national ~~celebrities~~ national notables on Was hington ~~scene~~ scene and also the political scene and also celebrated authors, arti ts, and stars of the stage and screen.

*I recall that the first WIP I covered was Senator Dale*

Q: Were you on the panel? If not, did you help <sup>to</sup> produce the show?  
H.R.M. No, in answer to both questions. My job was to decide on which capital hostesses, Senaatrs, Cabinet members, foreign ambassadors, Senators or any other big name s ~~names~~ on the national scene might add interest to the program -- and then <sup>to</sup> ~~persuade~~ <sup>ask people</sup> them to appear. ~~After~~ <sup>then</sup> that I interviewed each one for background material ~~to be used by the panelists and then~~ prepared a list of <sup>at least</sup> ~~five~~ leading questions that migh be used to get the interview under way.

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Q: Was it difficult to get some of the most important ones -- say, ~~some~~ <sup>Ambassadors</sup> Cabinet members or Senators to appear on the show?

H.R.M. Getting almost anyone in Washington to appear on television is ~~the easiest thing you can imagine~~ <sup>easy</sup> about the e ~~asiest~~ <sup>asiest</sup> thing you can imagine. (laughter)

In my ~~four~~ <sup>three</sup> years ~~axx~~ with "Panomrama, ~~I had aimed for~~ <sup>if you want</sup> I ~~had~~ aimed for topflight personalities in ~~the~~ the Cabinet, Congress, armed services and captial society and ~~has~~ <sup>got the full cooper</sup> ~~been~~ <sup>was</sup> turned down only once.

and captial society -- and had only one and captial society -- and was turned down ~~only once~~ <sup>only once</sup> by ~~only one~~ <sup>only one</sup> ~~notable~~ individual

whom I thought would be easy to ~~turn down~~ <sup>turn down</sup> ~~Curie~~ <sup>Curie</sup>: ~~who~~ <sup>was</sup> turned down ~~you down~~ <sup>you down</sup>, ~~Secretary of State~~ <sup>Secretary of State</sup>, who was

*my three-  
year-old boy  
Dean Johnson  
my friend!*

*any and all*