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Dear Professor Melanson:

After discussing your proposed book, THE MURKIN CONSPIRACY, with the management here at Morrow, I regret to report that we have come to the conclusion that we cannot publish your book.

The general consensus here is, while the manuscript is fascinating, and your research is thorough, a house like Morrow is taking a very big risk by publishing anything that goes after the intelligence community based only on circumstantial evidence (however strong that evidence may be).

We have no doubt that you will find a home for your work. And we wish you the best of luck with it.

Again, I apologize for the delay in getting to this point. You've been more than patient.

Sincerely,

Tom Dolgenos
Assistant to Bruce Lee
Senior Editor