

Telephone conversation with Maggie Field,
Wednesday, 7 p.m., 20 September 1967

Maggie said that it looked as though she would have to stay on after her husband left, although she was a coward about being alone in a New York hotel. I said that this time I would not be able to be of much comfort, because the Garrison affair had created an unbridgeable gulf between us. Maggie said, yes, it had.

I urged her to consider how much she was jeopardizing and compromising her three years of valuable work by her position on Garrison. She asked what I meant. I replied that in her book she was attacking the lies of the Specters and the Liebelers, but at the same time she was condoning the lies of Garrison.

Maggie said, what lies? He has told no lies. I asked, what about the foul fabrication of the "code"? Maggie said, that was a mistake. I asked whether Specter's lies could not be called "mistakes" also; and if so, what was the difference between the "mistakes" of the Specters, and the "mistakes" of Garrison? Maggie replied, "They made so many...but I don't want to talk about it." I said, "If we can't talk about that, we have nothing to talk about at all." Maggie agreed, "No;" I said, "So be it. Goodbye." Maggie said, "Goodbye."

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