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Dear Sylvia:

I am grateful to you for letting me see your correspondence with some of the would-be critics, including Harold Feldman. I wish to make a comment on the latter's letter of October 29th.

To attribute to you adulation of anyone is like celebrating the birth of a eunuch's tenth child. For such attribution to occur in the opening sentence of a letter, which is otherwise devoted to justifying the exemption of one's confidence in a particular man from the usual criteria of evidence, logic and morality, is like bestowing the "Father of the Year Award" on Christine Jorgenson, and also like screaming "Th...th...th...ere ggggggg...oes ththth....e drannnnnn... kkkk...ard."

I am, of course, terribly flattered by Feldman's admiration for my ability to change my mind, even if I am simultaneously envious of his superior talent of never needing to change his mind after being right to begin with. There is, however, one slightly disingenuous element present in Feldman's modest self-assessment; I wonder why he felt a need to reinforce it with an untruth. As best as I recall, what I deleted from Feldman's article were two extraneous sentences, with Feldman agreeing that they were extraneous, and with Feldman agreeing in advance to their deletion. However faulty may be my recollection, the untruth of Feldman's contention is, independently, self-evident. For the fact remains that Feldman's entire article, in its published version, dealt with Russo-American cooperation against China. Obviously, the subject was any-

thing but taboo to me. As a matter of fact, the lead-editorial in the issue in which Feldman's article was published, like a great number of editorials and articles in previous issues, explicitly discussed this very same topic.

Well, Sylvia, I am not saying all this to deny that undeniable clairvoyance which in the case of Mr. Feldman precludes any need for ever changing his mind on anything. But I am saying it to join him in lecturing you that there shall be no adulation other than of Garrison, unless of course it happens to be the self-adulation of Feldman Himself. I wonder whether He engages in it with his shoes off or on. Any report on that?

Sincerely,



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