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Dear Mr. Geismar,

Just a quick note to thank you very much for the signed copy of your book on Henry James, which arrived yesterday together with your letter of the 24th. In spite of your injunction, I would like to read your James book, as soon as some peace and quiet return to my life--I have listened recently to a few lectures on TV at 6:30 in the morning on the "psychological novel" and on James' works in particular, which revived the dormant (and to be honest, the marginal) interest I had in Henry James years ago.

I am very glad that you have alerted Penn against the potential repercussions of blind faith in Garrison, though I doubt it will affect his rather keen loyalty and confidence in the D.A., who does, after all, indulge in impressive rhetoric which tends to create a certain "martyrdom" for himself, in advance, for his "David" against the Goliath of the Establishment---a role which would indeed be admirable, were it not a charade or worse.

I am looking forward to reading your article on the CIA in the December TMO--the more so when you pay me the incomparable (if undeserved) tribute of saying that I am a "female Menahem." But even without such a compliment, I would still enjoy your letters vastly, and feel honored to receive them.

My book will arrive in a day or so, if it has not arrived already. I hope that it will not tax your attention, as much of it is laborious going because of the mass, detail, and complexity of the evidence, to which I did not bring the calibre of writing which might make it less tedious. You are most kind and thoughtful to offer a quote--but let's keep that in abeyance until you have had, so to speak, the proof of the pudding. With warm thanks,

Sincerely,

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