

April
~~March~~ 15, 1971

Dear Mrs. Meagher:

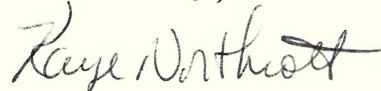
I'm sorry not to have written you earlier. We are deep into a legislative session and I seldom come up for air.

Enclosed is an edited version of your article and Mr. Belin's answer. The editing was done on the advice of my lawyer. He thinks Belin might indeed have grounds for a suit if I printed your original version. Whether we could win it or not, I'm not interested in going to court. We have some libel insurance, but I fear a suit might just pull us under. We're considerably in debt as it is.

At any rate, I don't think Belin will let me print his reply without hedging the charges in your article. Will you accept my changes in the piece, or something similar to them? I think the piece is strong enough that the implications are there, whether they are spelled out in high dudgeon or not.

I won't have space for the exchange until the Legislature ends in June, so you have plenty of time to think it over. Please return the copy of your piece. I was afraid it wouldn't Xerox again, and it's the only one I have.

Yours truly,



Kaye Northcott

