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Dear Philippe,

As the year is about to finish, I have good news and I know that you will be happy for me: my book has been accepted for publication by Bobbs-Merrill & Co. and with luck will be out in the fall of 1967. This happened only two days ago, late in the afternoon, and I have not yet really absorbed it. I was prepared emotionally for a rejection, but I had not prepared myself for acceptance and all the implications.

At least The Family will have nothing to say about what I include in my manuscript! and the publishers seem to accept it exactly as it is. That is worth more than half a million dollars (which I could not use in any case).

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Sylvia Meagher