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Dear Dave,

Thanks for your recent letter about the Ramparts article. I am sure you will do an excellent job, and I am looking forward to receiving a copy. This will have to be a short letter because I am putting everything aside for the moment in order to correct proofs of my subject index. I am encouraged to believe that the index will be published quite soon, in view of the rapidity with which the publisher produced the proofs after I completed the expanded name index and told him to go ahead. Actually, it is only four months since I first wrote to various publishing houses to try to interest them in the index --and here I am reading proof! I really have no grounds for complaint, and I only wish that it will be as easy to get a critical book published. However, I am sure that will not be easy at all.

You will have heard about our transit strike, of course. Between being ill, tackling the piled-up work at the office, the proofs, and the strike, the pressure has been pretty rough. Meanwhile, Sauvage's third article in New Leader came out, somewhat earlier than expected. I was not able to send you a separate copy, as I intend to do whenever feasible, but I did send a copy to Maggie which I hope she will share with you and the others, together with a copy of my letter to the editor of New Leader, commenting on two negative letters on the Sauvage articles which were published. As I suggested to Maggie, it will be helpful to write as many letters as possible supporting Sauvage's position to the editor of New Leader, to emphasize that there is an audience for such criticism of the WR.

As I may have mentioned, Jones Harris rather abruptly stopped his frequent telephone calls, around the time of the Paris Match article, and now calls very very seldom (for which I am grateful, on the whole). When he does call, I find it very hard to hear him, and there is nothing wrong with my ears. He seems unable or unwilling to hold the telephone correctly, so that he is almost inaudible. I guess it is a manifestation of his general hostility and secretiveness. He did call a few days ago, mainly to find out when the subject index was coming out, and seemed glad to hear that I was reading proofs. By the way, I have emphasized to the publisher that a number of researchers will want to obtain copies as soon as it comes out, and will try to make appropriate arrangements for orders to be filled promptly. I still don't know exactly when it will be out, or how much it will cost. It comes to 150 pages, about the same size as the pages of testimony.

I am very anxious to see your Ramparts manuscript. If you think it will be helpful, I will telephone or wire you if I have any comments or suggestions. The format seems first-rate and it should be a most effective attack on the WR.

Still another death, but apparently a wholly natural one--David Goldstein of Dave's House of Guns (7H 594). Please mention to Maggie if you have a chance. He is the brother of Honest Joe, but they were not on speaking terms.

Back to the proofs. Please let me hear from you again as soon as you can. Have you seen WJL again?

Warm regards,

Sylvia Meagher