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MARCH 21, 1969

Dear Fred--

I did not answer sooner because I wanted to think your request through very carefully before doing so.

Although I do not doubt your sincerity in urgently pressing your request, I have decided not to comply in the immediately foreseeable future. For reasons which I deem valid, I will not offer you a detailed explanation-- which in any event would not satisfy you.

Vince knows my position on this, and he will inform Gary Schoener.

Sincerely,

Ray