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Dear Gary,

Thanks for your recent letters and the two sets of corrections, which I have incorporated in the individual indexes which are to go to Scarecrow next month. I picked up a few more corrections in the course of entering the ones you sent--e.g., I transferred Sergio Arcacha-Smith to the "A"s in Vol. X, and moved "Oswald, Marina" to her proper alphabetical place, and changed "Rawley" to "Rowley". Because of all the changes that had to be made, I retyped the index to Volume X but made only an original copy.

In Volume IX, I left the two names "Grissaffi" and "Grizzaffi" in because I recall that when I was indexing there was a passage in which one of the lawyers said that there were two, one with two esses and one with two zees. Otherwise, I did make all the other corrections. In most cases, I added the "Miro Cardona" listing but left the "Cardona" in, for those people who, like me, will think "Cardona" and not "Miro".

If you have any strong objection to this or any other Meagherisms which have crept in, there will still be a chance to make changes when we get to the proofreading stage.

About your plans for "Books", I have no strong feelings one way or the other. Your idea is perfectly okay for the Subject Index. In the individual indexes, the names of books which are already mentioned can stay in.

I know how hard you are working and I can comfort you only by reminding you of the absolute bliss that you will experience when you finish.

This brings my best wishes for 1980, during which I hope that we will see our "Master Index" out between hard covers and with a minimum of errors.

All the best,