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Dr. Frank A. Calderone
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Mineola, New York

Dear Frank,

Look, I don't want to bring you into the city on false pretences, so I had better tell you clearly now and not after an expensive dinner what I tried unsuccessfully to say on the phone—I definitely cannot help you with your project. I do not want the work. I do not need the money. The subject does not interest me—eight hours of WHO every day is more than enough.

Pardon me if I renege on our appointment on Friday night. I know how forceful and persuasive you can be and I still remember how you pressured me into working in the theater business in Mineola when I was totally unwilling to do so. I knew that you cannot persuade me now to do anything against my own will but I don't want to go through any tug-of-war to prove it.

Please accept my decision as final. I am sorry that I temperized for even a few days, and I am sorry also that 25 years at the UN have not taught me to be more diplomatic. But that's the way it is.

Sincerely yours,

Sylvia Meagher
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