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Dear Mrs Meagher,

Oh, dear, I am indeed sorry about the story in last Sunday's paper. I was under the impression that the New Yorker piece gave the go-ahead to mention WHO, and I am sure that such a statement, once it is mentioned in the public print and is also true, is no breach of confidence. But I apologise if it has given you any pain.

You are right in assuming that there was a slight garbling in the cable, because I paraphrased one quote from the book and it came out as a direct excerpt, and there was also the point about the 95 per cent.

I hope this won't cause a permanent rift in our pleasant relationship (I gather from your note that this will not be so), and I am grateful to you for a most interesting interview.

I'd very much like to keep the copy of the New Yorker article which you gave me, but if you need it I'll be glad to send it back to you. Incidentally, I did mention at the end of my piece that the Thompson book was also going to cause a stir, but this was cut: I see that it makes a big story in ~~today's~~ today's New York Times.

Yours sincerely,

Evelyn Irons

Comment reportedly made by Mort Sahl on NBC radio, Thursday night 11/16/67:

(Referring to a letter from Robert Ockene): "Bobbs-Merrill is conducting a long-range romance on Sylvia Meagher's book and whether or not Mark Lane was misled. I want to congratulate Sylvia Meagher on the company she keeps by attacking Jim Garrison. It puts her in the company of people she has no respect for. It's amazing what a unique position you can get into when you utilize your wilfulness. W e l l...l l...Okay."