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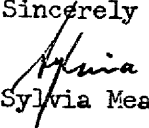
Dear Vince,

The announcement that Striso is a government agent is a temptation to ask, So what else is new? The list of persons similarly accused at one time or another is rather formidable---Epstein, Thompson, Jacob Cohen, William Gurvich, and William Turner, to mention those which come to mind easily. I believe that I, too, have been under suspicion. Not unnaturally, then, the cry wolf may not raise any hackles even if a real one is finally in the chicken coop.

If I did not reply to your extravagantly flattering note of a few weeks ago it was not because I was unwilling to be gracious but because I did not wish to deprive you of the "last word" you claimed. I have similar hesitations about responding to your letter about Striso. But perhaps I should make it clear that no question of unwillingness to talk is involved on my part---it is just that I do not know what we can talk about. "Our differences on Garrison" cannot be, so far as I am concerned, "notwithstanding."

There is melancholy news about The Minority of One which may not yet have reached you. Arnoni has been forced to suspend publication because of financial difficulties; he and the family have left for a new home in Israel.

Sincerely yours,


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