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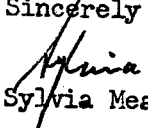
Dear Vince,

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,


Sylvia Meagher