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February 9, 1966

Dear Miss Meagher,

Your surprising but welcome letter comes at a time when I can answer only in haste. I did not intend my letter to the New Leader for publication, although I have no objection to it. I enclosed a letter to Sauvage, which is as yet unanswered.

I am delighted at the chore you undertook. I should like to get a copy of your index when it comes out, if it is not costly, for I am now both broke and in debt. It is for this reason I am not phoning you.

My book has not been published anywhere, and the attitude of European publishers is a little less comprehensible than that of the Americans, who can at least tell themselves they might get hurt. The same is true of agents. I have more compliment among my 50 rejections that you would be willing to believe possible.

If my experience means anything to you, unless you will labor for love, get an enforceable contract for your book before you go further. If and when I arrange for the publication of my book - when the ice is broken - the water may warm. Then I can tell you which of those I dealt with might, if my judgement of their attitudes is correct, ~~might~~ consider such a book.

I am interested in what you have done, too, and hope we may discuss these things soon. Meanwhile, do you know of any other such books floating around? By this I mean serious books, on the Commission, not such pot-boilers as "A Mother in History" and others like it, which, naturally, seem to find a ready market. I spoke to Sauvage during the summer. He had an experience similar to mine at that time. This fall they were for a while in competition at what has the reputation of being a "courageous" house. It rejected both, in my case at least over the recommendation of the editors and the executive editor. In early December I heard he had a contract, but the New Leader did not so indicate. Mark Lane, if my information is correct, broke his contract with Grove, which will now not consider any book on the subject, but did contract for its publication in England, with Boadley-Head and Penguin (paperback reprint).

Some of my friends are now investigating the possibility of raising funds for a private printing. I see little choice, and do not relish such a presentation. What you read in the Sauvage articles is but a fragment of what I have mined. I am by training and experience an investigator, writer and analyst. There is no doubt in my mind that I destroyed the entire Report and much, much more.

If there is anything else you'd like of me, please phone, but if you do, make it person to person, for we share the line with seven others in the country. This, I have no doubt, is complicating the affairs of the "Big Brother" who has ineptly revealed his interest in me. Good luck with your work.

Sincerely yours,