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Dear Mr Weisberg,

Thanks for your two letters of the 17th and the 21st. After receiving the letter of the 17th, I did write to Mr Welsh (on the 19th); so that if you write, or have written, he will give your letter personal attention, I am sure.

Turning to your second letter—Collier did have a long letter from you, I believe, but he mentioned only the fact that you had authorized me to see the manuscript. As I recall, he had a sheaf of pages in his hand at the moment, which I assumed was a letter from you, but he did not go into the contents, to the best of my recollection.

I am no good at all at "selling" my own work; I had hoped to do better with someone else's, but I don't think I really made much impact on Collier. Probably you have a closer knowledge of him; he did strike me as being inclined to vacillate, and as genuinely worried about financial loss. You may be entirely right about his having a different reason for hesitating to publish your book; as you say, you will see what happens when you provide the "guarantee." My guess is that he would go ahead with the book if there was no financial risk.

Do let me know if there are any new developments. As you know, I very much hope that your book will be published, and with the proper publicity, so that it will reach a wide audience. Meanwhile, if I should hear of anything, I will certainly be in touch.

All good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Sylvia Meagher