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Dear Sylvia (MF, JP, HR, PH),

I finally had to stop and read Belin's excrement. It makes your Goebbels letter even greater than it had seemed when I scanned it on getting home.

In hate I have drafted a personal letter to Salisbury. When my wife can retype it I'll send you a copy/

Jerry told me of the form letter he first sent you and the incredible explanation that followed.

This entire rotten business fortifies my feeling that condition are such we should not seek publication except where there is significant and new material, and then in a context that with rational people can frustrate misuse and misrepresentation. For some years now I have not, as I have not accepted non-paying appearances for some years. I have had too much reaction from friends in the press telling me that editors regard almost anything as a rehash and use it as an excuse to avoid and suppress.

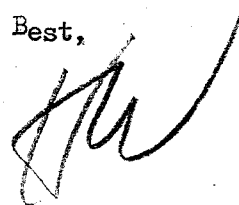
This is not intended as even indirect criticism of you, so please don't take it that way. It is merely a position I have come to take, one quite contrary ^{to} ~~with~~ my beginning in this field, but one based on what for me is valid experience.

I suppose I have become our minority of one.

We face such corruption!

And that very day the Times dared talk of Zenger!

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. P. ...', written over the 'Best,' text.