

8430 126th Street,  
Kew Gardens, New York.  
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Arthur Bernhard and Murray Latzen,  
Picture Scoop  
114 East 32nd Street, N.Y.

Dear Arthur and Murray,

This note will confirm what I have repeatedly told you and will obviate the possibility of later misunderstanding.

With respect to by-line stories: I have assured writers myself, through ghost writers or other representatives that under no circumstances would their stories appear in Picture Scoop unless they gave their final OK to proofs which would be submitted to them or their representatives. In other words, all such stories can still be rejected by a writer if he cares to do so. I have not received the final OK for any byline story today in your files.

The necessity for obtaining final approval is obvious. Changed conditions may make certain statements appear to be ludicrous. We have held many articles a long time. (You recall that McNutt and Morgenthau made changes after we sent them proofs). Then again, a specific writer may no longer wish to appear in your magazine. In addition, certain editorial additions or deletions by the editor or management may not suit a specific writer and corrections may be necessary.

At any rate, you must comply with the arrangements I made. I cannot afford to have people later rebuke me. I also want to obviate the possibility of your offering as an excuse for not submitting the proofs, the fact that you were in ignorance of my arrangement.

I am certain that you always understood the above to represent the ethics of magazine editing as evidenced by your verbal statements to me. However, to avoid any difficulties with respect to the fourth issue of Picture Scoop I have this request to make: Will you please acknowledge in writing your complete understanding of the above. I am certain that as gentlemen you will, but should you fail to do so by return mail, I, in the interests of fair play will have to notify all writers of what has transpired and tell them to take whatever steps they deem necessary to protect their interests. I should hate to do so but I must play square with contributors who relied upon my promises.

With very best wishes for your future success and with kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,