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## LETTERS

The following letter written by Carroll G. Bowen, Director of The M.I.T. Press, is in response to Geoffrey Wolff's article, "Government Book Control," which appeared in Book Week, Feb. 5.

—The Editors

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In short, The M.I.T. Press has no role in the procedure you rightly decry. I beg you to so inform your informants.

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