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Mr. Mike Powell  
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Frederick, Md. 21701

Dear Mike,

Among my <sup>6</sup>submissions your papers have not seen fit to use was my correction of your intellectual giant's representation that the Christians are responsible for the really awful situation in Lebanon.

I cited an eminent and respected Arab authority who attributed the present impasse to the long-time Syrian occupation of so much of Lebanon.

Since then and particularly after the Arab League sought to negotiate some kind of settlement there has been frequent confirmation of what I wrote that was found so unsuitable in, among other sources, The Washington Post.

When I read this newest confirmation from its Lebanon correspondent in its yesterday's edition, her long letter from the seat of those negotiations she is covering, I clipped it for you and marked the relevant passages in red. They are toward the end.

It is not my purpose to argue and I do not dispute the papers' right to print or not print whatever they see fit. I don't even argue that legally they have the obligation to be fair and accurate. Morally and ethically are another matter.

But if you or any of the others can recall when I was inaccurate in what you printed and what you did not, I'd like to know. I mean of what I submitted.

Best wishes,



Harold Weisberg