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Mr. Harold Weisberg Coq d'Or Press Route 8 Frederick, Maryland 21701

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Mr. Goodman has asked me to thank you for your letter and to reply directly on his behalf. We regret that an unusual press of business has delayed our response.

We can understand that you, as an author, would wish to appear on television to discuss your book. However, publishers submit approximately 150 books a week to the "Today" program with requests that the authors be interviewed. Because of time limitations, it is possible to accommodate only a very small percentage of these requests, and careful consideration is given to the selection of books for discussion on the program. "Frame-Up" is one of many that, after full evaluation, were not chosen. We regret your displeasure but we want most emphatically to assure you that in no case was a conspiracy of any type involved.

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We appreciate your taking the time to send us your comments, giving us this opportunity to express our point of view.

Sincerely yours.

Bernard Lacy