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Miss Patricia Carbine  
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LOOK Magazine  
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New York, N.Y. 10022

Dear Miss Carbine,

I address you rather than Mr. Arthur because some of my earlier correspondence on this subject was with you, back in 1966.

It has come to my attention that Dr. John Nichols, of the University of Kansas, plans to sell you some of my material. This has been the subject of some discussion between him and me, by phone and in writing. I have delayed writing you this letter, the purpose of which is to spare you embarrassment and no damage, hoping to get assurances from him that he will not do this. My last letter asking this assurance was written more than two weeks ago. He has not responded in any way.

It also happens that I made this material available to your magazine in 1967 (you declined it without reading) and to another Cowles enterprise, which did hold it for some time before declining it.

Further, I have, among other repetitious proofs, letters from Dr. Nichols, to whom I made this original material available on his promise not to use it until after I could get it printed. It is sometimes a simple matter to duplicate the original work of others in non-fiction. I have correspondence from Dr. Nichols in which he tells me that if I do not give him a copy of one of the things in question he will, very simply, duplicate my work. The file establishing what is involved as my work and mine alone is rather large. It and the correspondence with Dr. Nichols is available to your inspection if you doubt what I tell you.

You will find that he has so faithfully copied my work that the National Archives has mistaken the pictures he ordered after seeing those I had made for what was taken for me. The proof of this is also available to you.

I most sincerely regret having to write you this letter. If you doubt what I report -and it is understated - please accept this invitation to examine my files. Some of what is involved is covered by copyright and all is dated.

I further regret LOOK has never taken a look at what I have. I think you will find nothing like it in our history. Dr. Nichols has duplicated only a very small part of it.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

cc: John Nichols

Mary, Paul, Howard, Dick  
Gurn, B. & L.