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Dear Mr. Crook:

I do thank you for your letter of March 7.

May I recall to you that I requested an opportunity to respond to Mr. Sparrow in my very first letter and that you extended it to another while denying it to me.

I am in New Orleans working and expect to be home within a week. If I can, I will then write you another letter, but I point out that this is the grossest discrimination. Again I repeat that, although you and I clearly do not and will not agree on what is "printable", there is nothing to prevent your excerpting what I have already written you, to use what you would find less embarrassing.

I reiterate that I think your own integrity and that of your publication require of you the offer to me of an equal and fair opportunity to reply to those gross misstatements of fact, misrepresentations of evidence - even inventions of witnesses - that you have palmed off on a trusting world and the opportunity to purge yourself of participation in an operation that covers neither you nor your publication with glory.

I dictate this by phone to my wife. It is not possible for me to make adequate, "printable" response at this moment, and at this point I have no way of knowing what Mr. Lane will say.

I would like from you an explanation of why, when I originally requested the opportunity for response, you denied it to me and offered it to Mr. Lane.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg