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Mr. J.R. Wiggins, Editor
The Washington Post
1515 L St., NW
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Wiggins,

With the passing of time my situation and that of my book have changed. As I told you when we spoke, I do not feel that the Post owes me anything. Had the letter you so kindly offered to print appeared then it might have accomplished something more than just publicity. Now I do not believe it will. While publicity is always helpful, especially with a private edition of an unorthodox form of a book, I do not believe it is fair of me to be asking just that.

Therefore, I am writing to release you from your generous offer.

At the same time I want to praise as highly as I can your recent series on the FBI. This is a conspicuous national service. Perhaps some day some at the Post will see it as I do, that we are playing the same game, but in different ball parks.

The book and the subject are now receiving encouraging and responsible attention. I have been informed of important reviews that are pending. News stories have appeared here and abroad and more are in preparation. Radio has become quite interested. I have been on six programs, have taped one for network use and two that will go to a total of 700 stations. This week I'll be interviewed on an all-night program in New York. TV interviews are also scheduled. I can only imagine what would have happened had the book appeared under a commercial imprint.

From the things of which I now know, I believe there is a good chance of further development. As possibly you know from conversation with your own people or from my book, this is what I look forward to.

Again, I thank you for your kindness and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Weisberg