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copies of my letter cutting off
with two young men for whom I have
long held warm feelings because of
a treachery that cannot with either
be accidental and of a letter to
EMK. It was for an outside-the-
critics record of what for a long
time has been a nasty mess. It is for
for the same reason that I send this
letter to Sylvia, who has been run-
ning some kind of get-me and get-
all-Kennedys campaign only parts
of which have come back to me. It
is not to burden you with the sor-
did. But perhaps you can better
understand why I have long felt that
except for specific purposes there
was no need for government intrusion
into the critical community. There
are, as ~~was~~ a matter of fact, at
least three millionaire critics, two
bank vice-presidents, several who are
so rich they may well be millionaires
besides a number who are very well
off, including Sylvia, whose entire
and very good income is tax free
and Wecht, who has to be loaded. If
I have never asked any of them for

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help and only once borrowed from any, then only \$400 for two weeks, I do feel, perhaps unreasonably, that if they are to do anything but talk or to assert the right to be heard or to use the work of anyone, they have the obligation to be of some help in some way or they have abdicated. The amount of behind the back dirty-work for whatever reason is so great even Howard, at only 18, has detected it and commented on it for the first time in his delayed letter...One critic worth at least \$50,000,000 asked me to go to Dallas to see about our working together. He finally decided that I am the only one doing any real work, etc. He agreed to pay the cost of the trip. He didn't. Mary, who is conservative, and Buck, her Minuteman husband, couldn't have been nicer while I was there. They housed and fed me and drove me when they could. Arch, the rithhitch? Nothing. If you didn't know, the Maggie Field I refer to is married to Joe, partner in Hutton & Co. Only those who work ever really help, those who can't afford to. best.