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Dear Dr. Silver:

I received both your letters of October 20, and I am sorry that you seem to have misunderstood our initial interest in the memorandum you sent us as well as our reaction to it. Let me try to clarify both.

Our desire to have an account written by you rather than by one of the journalists you mention was not based on considerations either of cost or of the superiority or inferiority of a potential article. We were specifically interested in having the point of view expressed of a faculty member such as yourself.

From your remarks on the telephone about preparing several pages that might simply be used as a document of interest, and from your understandable reluctance to sign anything you might write, we could only assume that our acceptance of the account you sent as a background paper would be agreeable to you. When that account arrived, we decided that even to publish it under a pseudonym would be irresponsible on our part since it could so easily be traced back to you. Needless to say, we were concerned that this should not happen.

I hope you will understand then why we decided to treat your manuscript as special background material rather than as an article, and I regret that there has been this confusion.

Sincerely yours, 1



Meg Greenfield