

March 31, 1959

Laura D. Wilck, Literary Agency,  
Sherman Oaks, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Elliott:

My apologies, please, for not addressing you by your professional name, as is customary. My apologies, too, for writing under the circumstances I am compelled to do.

As you no doubt realize, and from the obvious in the manuscripts, I have been struggling for some time to bring order and coherency out of chaos and incoherency. You have been most patient with us and generous with your time.

Now that I realize the utter futility of attempting to continue against the impossible, there is only one thing to be done. Please return the manuscripts, Sorority Row and The Lonesome Road, and I will reimburse you the charges.

I also realize you have put in reader's time on the manuscripts. I understand the customary fee is \$25 a manuscript. You have read each manuscript, resubmitted, twice. So I am making provisions to pay you the fee as soon as possible.

I am doubly apologetic after the very nice things you had to say. Your advice was sound and it was my own conclusion, but nothing better could be produced under the circumstances, nor is it possible now or for a long period of time to try again.

I shall look forward to receiving the manuscripts and assure you that when there is something worthwhile for your consideration, your indulgence will again be asked.

Many, many thanks for your consideration, and believe me, I am indeed sorry for the way this has worked out.

Sincerest regards

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of you when there is something more to be said.

I shall look forward to receiving the manuscript and

being of some use to you.

The circumstances, now, is that because of the  
conjunction of our work, we are being asked to  
do so. I am sure you will find it a very  
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