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Laura D. Wilck Literary Agency,
14647 Dickens Street,
Sherman Oaks, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Wilck:

I have been awaiting the return of the manuscript, Sorority Row so markups, revisions etc. could be completed and a draft submitted to a typist.

I suppose you have been tied up with work activities, which have also plagued me. This is a busy time of the year in the newspaper field. And as you know, it is a busy time of year at college.

I have devoted my time to Sorority Row and with a layoff from The Lonely Road feel I will be able to put that into proper shape in due course. The collaborator has not, because of the press of last term activities, been able to give attention to material as desired.

I feel somewhat disappointed at losing an important element, the timing of story material, in publication times like these. I am well aware that "old days" of literature and writing have given way to a new form, and doubt that what would be a best seller ten years ago would find its way into print now. Timing, the thought of the times, the pulse of a current trend, have replaced it. Sorority Row had that and as you no doubt realize, the facts it sets up are rapidly becoming an "issue" in our country.

I was hopeful too that by this time your contacts in the movie and TV field would have some reaction on Sorority Row to guide me in continuing this or not. In any respect I do not think it proper that if he has not returned the manuscript to you, you should obtain possession of it. Its return postage, of course, is assured.

Unless I am called out of town this weekend I expect to have my carbon copy, which is not all the same as the "original" remarked and reworked within a few days. It will save much typing to have the other.

I have had some profitable experiences with Indians since writing you and with the Army. We have experienced Exercise Dry Hills here, a pentomic maneuver employing 18,000 men and costing \$900,000. It has brought me into close contact with Maj. Gen. Lewis W. Truman and with General Palmer (Sixth Army commander), because these maneuvers were on land "documented" in Drummers and Dreamers. Now Gen. Truman wishes to visit one of the Indian celebrations.

Hope things go well with you and yours.

Sincerely
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