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July 24, 1950

Mr. C. H. Scantland
Richmond Works
520 North 15th Street
Richmond, Indiana

Dear Mr. Scantland:

In response to your letter of the 20th, addressed to Talbot Books, this Foundation took over the distribution and management of "Mainspring" for Mr. Weaver's estate. He passed away in early 1949.

It is possible that Mr. Weaver and his associates developed some visual presentations of the subject matter, but I doubt it. I have vague recollections that something of the sort was attempted and I am running this down. We have done nothing of the sort ourselves. You, of course, are at liberty to use the material as you wish.

I share your views on the value of "Mainspring." It is one of the great pieces of our time. Its sale has reached nearly 200,000 -- perhaps better than any other book of its nature. However, we want to perpetuate this interest and have in mind beginning a modest program in September or October.

Would you object to our using a photostatic copy of your letter? It is a perfect testimonial, done in excellent expression. If your answer is in the affirmative, I would like another original addressed to The Foundation. The use of "Talbot Books" might confuse the prospective purchaser.

Sincerely,

Leonard E. Read