

Paris, Dec. 21, 1970

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Dear Mr. ~~Baill~~,

The time has come to make you aware of the fact that my husband, in spite of having worked hard and sacrificed the maximum time to writing his book, will not be ready to deliver the manuscript on the date provided for in the contract, i.e. Dec. 31, 1970.

So will you please be kind enough to notify Alfred A. Knopf Inc., that we will take up the option of three months prolongation .

Nevertheless he still hopes to finish - perhaps even before the new delay - as he will be continuing to write even during his American tour.

So far he has written 775 pages which represent about 603 typewritten pages, it will take about 100 pages more, or may be less to finish the first volume.

We are leaving for New York (The Drake) the day after Xmas ( 26th) and we can discuss this further if need be.

I take this opportunity to wish you and your wife a very Happy Xmas and New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Arthur Rubinstein