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Abraham Bassford Administrative Secretary Dear Tom:

Just a short one. The Macmillan Company wants permission to publish your letter to Jim Forest of February 1962 on the General Strike for Peace. Could you send me a short letter of permission that I could give Betty Bartelme at Macmillan?

The book is in production, the CW anthology that Jim and I have been working on these last two years. Only 260 pages. We have almost everything done.

I got busted Tuesday for sitting down at the Whitehall Induction Center, and spent most of the day crammed into a pen designed for thirty but holding about eighty. Chris Kearns of the CW was with me. There were 264 or so arrests, Dr. Spock, Ginzberg, Conor Cruise O'Brien. Most impressive and most monviolent. We worked hard for this one, to keep it controlled and still militant. There is great danger of a degeneration of the "on the streets" movement toward violence and mindlessness.

The Lay Congress in Rome was good, I suppose, though I was very disappointed at the omission of a propsition supporting "selective" c.o. which had passed our peace workshops without dissent. Magically it was omitted at the last plenary session. Rome was great, though. It was my first trip abroad. And London was great fun. I found a friend, my daughter's godfather, Peter Lumsden, and we hired a car. Went to Taena, just like home, Bristol, Bath, Gloucester and visited David Miller's mother in law. Great fun. There is no bad beer in England.

Ideas are pouring into my head, but I must discipline myself and get to the other permissions the Macmillan people want me to get. God bless.

Fraternally,

Tom Cornell