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Mr. William F. Friedman
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Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Friedman:

I have received your letter of 9 April regarding the gatehouse incident and feel that the shoe is on the other foot-- that I should be the one to apologize to you for causing a disturbance.

The circumstances were these: I was passing through the neighborhood in a taxi and stopped on a spur of the moment to see if I could work in a brief chat with Dr. Campaigne in my schedule. I thought that before I phoned him, I would first check to see if I was still on the one-day badge list or if my photo badge was being held for me as I was told it would be. I was somewhat rushed for time so when I found that neither of the badges were available, I thought I wouldn't bother Dr. Campaigne then but would try to call later in the day.

I hope you haven't received the impression that I feel anything special should be "laid on" for me. I have never minded the time-consuming check-in procedure at your place since I know it is a routine necessary for your business. Also, I would always expect to make an appointment in advance as a matter of courtesy and to obtain the necessary authorization to enter the premises. However, the aspect that has always bothered me about my visits to N C S has been the time required not of me but of the operating people I visit in acting as my escort. That is why I was pleased some time ago when I was offered a one-day badge privilege because, under that system, the check-in routine is still required, as it should be, but not the escort.

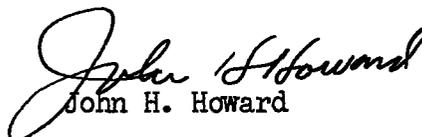
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Your letter would have been answered sooner except that I was in New York last week and have been preparing to leave tomorrow for a trip to the West Coast. I will undoubtedly be in Washington again before long and will take you up on your invitation to stop in.

Very truly yours,



John H. Howard

JHH:mvc
Enclosure

P. S. I am concerned that Chief Semple (I am not sure how his name is spelled) may have been put in a spot because of the gatehouse incident. I think he handled the situation just right under the circumstances. I am enclosing an extra carbon copy of this letter, and I'd appreciate it if you'd pass it on to him, with my apologies.