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December 8, 1948

Mr. Arthur Eggleston
Chief of Press Branch
Information Control Division, OMGUS
Nuernberg, Germany

Dear Mr. Eggleston:

A few days ago, Mr. Konrad Kellen sent you some papers concerning a libellous front page editorial by Herr Harry Wilde (Echo der Woche, Munich, October 22nd, 1948). Since then, Mr. Wilde has written and published an additional, equally calumnious article which I must not let go unanswered. *(and)*

Enclosed please find my reply to this new fabrication on the part of an American licensee whom I cannot but consider utterly unworthy of the permit granted him by the U.S. authorities.

May I add that it is by no means sheer stubbornness which causes me to acquaint your office with the pieces involved. As you surely know, the allegation that I am a communist is bound severely to harm my prestige in this country, all the more so since as a lecturer on foreign affairs, and one who frequently appears before students' and teachers' audiences, I am rightly expected to serve the democratic cause and the interests of the United States.

I should be most grateful if you would let me know what steps have been or will be taken. The entire material against Mr. Wilde has also been forwarded to the American War Correspondents' Association, who, I imagine, will not wish to let this affair ride, either.

Many thanks in advance for whatever you may be able to do.

Yours very sincerely

Erika Mann.