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November 23, 1960

Miss Kay Brown
MCA Artists, Ltd. Agency
598 Madison Avenue
New York 22, N. Y

Dear Miss Brown:

Many thanks for your letter of November 16th. I am glad that things have progressed to this point and quite aware of the fact that you have done much to speed them up.

The agreement has been carefully studied by both Dr. Kaestlin and myself. As for the one difficulty - a very minor one I should think - Dr. Kaestlin has written to Mr. Sherman. Let me hope that this last remaining obstacle will be taken with the elegance you have accustomed us to.

Personally, I have little to say about the agreement, except that I think it fair to all concerned and conscientious in every detail. Even so I appreciate the requests you are about to make on our behalf regarding billing and especially concerning Paragraph 5, page 5.

and credit

1.1 (page 1) contains a small and unimportant error which, however, keeps creeping up in later paragraphs and should for the sake of exactitude be corrected throughout. I just notice that even Paragraph 2 of the introductory part refers to "a short story entitled 'Felix Krull' and... a novel entitled 'Confessions of Felix Krull'". This is erroneous and probably hails from the fact that years before publication of the novel Alfred A. Knopf Incorporated its first chapters in "Stories of Three Decades". The fragment was published in Germany as early as 1922, having been written still earlier (1909). There is, then, but one work to be dealt with in the agreement: "Confessions of Felix Krull", a title that is an abbreviation of the actual title of the novel the English version of which - if I remember correctly - is entitled "The Confessions of Felix Krull, Confidence-Man".

Incidentally, may I ask whether Mr. Paul Sherman happens to be identical with a gentleman also named P. S. who used to be a great friend of ours and was somehow connected with the Book of the Month Club? If so he must have thought it rather ludicrous that I addressed him as though he were a perfect stranger. But then, I am inclined to doubt that your Mr. Sherman and ours are one and the same person. In the first place "ours" was by no means a young man when I last saw him sometime during the war, and secondly, he had never been an agent and seems unlikely to have become one in the evening of his life. Nevertheless, should your Mr. Sherman know me at all, I'd very much like you to give him my kindest regards.

As ever, yours cordially,