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Dear Mr. Miller:

Thank you for your letter of June 24, and for the Symposium transcript.

I have no corrections to make, or anything to add. Occasional hesitations, repetitions, even syntactical errors contribute to the impression of spontaneity, which I think is most valuable in this kind of dialogues. Editing in order to eliminate syntactical clumsinesses, seemingly irrelevant asides, etc. would provide a more smooth delivery but to the sacrifice of freshness.

As a matter of fact, I had started making a few biographical corrections on page 1, when I realized that, on page 2, I pointed out to Mr. Kostelanetz that the biography could be straightened out, and that yet...If you think that my parenthetical remark to that effect is more effective and/or amusing than keeping the record straight, then none of my corrections on page 1 are necessary (but then, of course, the aforementioned parenthetical remark should be kept). Do as you think it best.

With best wishes,

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