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Mr. Leon Wieseltier Literary Editor The New Republic 1220 19th Street NW Washington, DC 20036

Dear Leon,

Here it is, a touch over 3000 words. As you can see, I dropped the magic realism idea for a more modest framework. Everything is negotiable. I'll be out of town from the 7th-24th of August. Then we get down to the (monkey) business of teaching. If you prefer calling, I can be reached at 678-8914. I get to the office at 7:30 and usually stay till 4:30 (unless I go for coffee and danish at the last European refuge on the Upper West Side, the Hungarian Pastry Shop).

Yours,

David G. Roskies