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Dear Mr. Toole:

With our assurance that it will be treated as confidential, your publisher has given us your address so that we may ask you to participate in our coming feature article devoted to first novelists and their work.

For the last 25 years Library Journal has carried such a feature each season for the purpose of introducing new novelists to librarians. Libraries are the chief market in this country for the first novel, and librarians, as well as working book people, will be interested in what you have to say about your work.

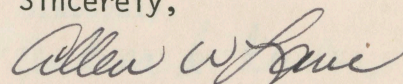
Will you kindly send me, no later than December 3, 1979 a 300 word statement about yourself and your novel and your writing in general.

In preparing this statement, please include whatever biographical data you care to send us and give some attention to what you have set out to do in your novel. In discussing your literary and personal philosophy, could you consider the following: What do you see as the current status of fiction in our society? Why did you write a novel?

I look forward to hearing from you and appreciate your cooperation. Thank you very much.

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