

November 17, 1968

Dear Dr. Black,

Enclosed are the corrected galley proofs of my contribution to the volume, 'Drugs and the Brain'. I have answered your questions and brought the references up-to-date.

You will note that I have made many corrections in the text. In many places, the editorial assistant contributed to the clarification of the message; in others, the corrections clouded my meaning. Despite your plea that the corrections be limited, I must insist that ALL the corrections be accepted as made. I regret that neither you nor the editor saw fit to send me a copy of your suggested corrections; for had I had the text before it was set in type, much expense would have been saved.

If you or the editors feel that the corrections are unacceptable, I request that you withdraw this contribution and I will submit it elsewhere. It is my belief that the author is the principal artist in the presentation, and I insist that not a single comma or word be changed without receiving approval in writing. All the words appear in the dictionary, and you or the editors are free to put them in sequences of your choice; I choose the sequences submitted, and these sequences are my creation. Such an endeavor is not a joint enterprise and I cannot accept the suggestion, even by implication, that an editor, even one presumably specially selected by the esteemed press of which you are the servant, can alter the text.

I regret that I must insist, since the suggestions of your letter are unacceptable; as are the changes. I have accepted those changes that I could. The remainder of the corrections as indicated, must stand.

I trust these are acceptable.

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Sincerely yours,

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