Dear Rex:

Yours of the 12th.

It must be the hot weather making us my addled wits but I don't understand. Suppose the senate was reviewed (in any sense) and Bill Buckley wanted to start a choral-pastoral review in N.Y. Suppose the liberals of Madrid write in praising our constitution and supporting the proposal as a means of fostering the interplay of a wide range of opinions. Would their views be helpful? Would they ever be taken seriously? Obviously you have words in mind which I am too sun-saddled to see. Illuminate me!

Yrs,
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Dear Archie:

Surely you are pulling my leg. If Bill Buckley "wanted to start a clerical-fascist review in New York" the literati of Madrid wouldn't have to write to President Johnson asking him to permit its publication, nor would anyone. Of course that's the point. I think it is desirable and necessary for Americans, especially American writers, not only to guard freedom of expression here, but also to advocate it in countries where it doesn't exist - including Spain.

Yours.....