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March 19, 1952


Dear Mr. Williams:

Within a few days you will receive an advance copy of *INVISIBLE MAN*, by Ralph Ellison, which we will publish on April 14th.

I hope that you will have at least the time to start reading it. If you do, I believe you will find the time to finish it, for it is a book of great richness and power--a book one can with complete confidence call important. There will be people who for various reasons will not like it, but it is difficult to see how even they can ignore it.

I shall be eager to know what you think of it.

Sincerely,


Albert Erskine

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