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My dear Mr. O'Brien:

I am glad to extend to you upon the conditions you outline my permission to reprint The Voice of the Turtle in "The Best Short Stories of 1930".

I have not yet submitted this story to a book publisher, nor do I intend to in the immediate future.

May I take this opportunity to express to you my appreciation of your helpfulness to me? Your collections, and above all, your standards outlined in your criticisms have been lights set along a dark and dangerous road. Dire poverty has prevented me from heading your "Dance of the Machines", but I expect now to have it shortly.

I wonder if I may ask you to use my full name with the story? That will please the mother of the "author".

Very sincerely yours,

Oswego, Kansas
May the ninth
1930