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To: Jed Lyons, CEO, Rowman & Littlefield

Cc: Julie Kirsch; Joseph Parry; Nicolette Amstutz

Re: Your explanation of October 8 re: cancellation of Gilley book and series

Dear Jed,

Thank you for your response. Your first explanation for pulling Gilley's book is not about any flaw in the book, which I am sure you subjected to peer review, but that someone criticized a previous publication of his. Wide application of that principle would do incalculable damage to intellectual inquiry and academic freedom.

Your second point is that it was not your company but the author who sought the de-publishing of his book. This is rather like solving a crime by arguing that the victim shot himself in the back.

Sincerely,

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