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To the Editor:

First of all, I thank the Moscow Times for its many kind words in my father's regard and in mine. I ask, however, that the Times either substantiate or retract its affirmations 1) that I am suing the person mentioned: and 2) that the Nabokov Estate is "trying to ban" anything written by this person. I might comment at this point that I know what the Nabokov Estate is doing or not doing, because I AM the Nabokov Estate. I would further like to know the details of the "brief investigation into the scandal", and the nature of the "heap of wild accusations", at least from my side. Here I might mention that it

was the person in question himself who described, on more than one occasion, the bizarre matter to which the Times refers regarding his wife and his wife's "lesbian lover".

The Times is right in saying that "Russians have paid little attention to this". Elsewhere, the individual in question has stated that he will now become the "No. 1 annihilator of Vladimir Nabokov", and I have received a letter which, despite falsified attribution, contains an attempt to extort 300,000 Euros in compensation for ***this person's*** attempts to attack ***me*** over the course of approximately a year. Finally, whether I am a small or a large Oedipus, I could not care less what a person of this ilk writes. For my part, I have found it so dismally dull that I have never been able to digest more than a page of it at a time, and that much very rarely.

Finally, it is lucky indeed that the Russians can now read not only most of Nabokov's works but Brian Boyd's splendid biography of my father, now available from the Symposium publishing house. Both Nabokov and Boyd merit infinitely more attention than such tripe.

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