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to do this. And why I left America. I still dream of justice for my father.'  
Paul Spike lives in London where he writes about politics, literature,  
film, and travel for a wide range of newspapers and magazines"--

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