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November 8, 1951

Mr. Victor Jacobs
Galef and Jacobs, Law Offices
22 East 40th Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Jacobs:

This is mainly to inform you that - after an exceedingly short ~~but~~ utterly crucial business conversation in Vancouver - I arrived safely in this delightful villa of ours. Shortly afterwards I had the extreme pleasure of welcoming in said mansion two charming gentlemen of the F.B.I. bent, this time, on talking turkey. Our two hour conversation wound up as follows: They: "You claim that you are not now and have never been a member of any communist party and that you are not now and have never been an agent - paid or unpaid - of the Soviet government or the Komintern?" I: "I do indeed, and, incidentally, while all this has been very matey and cosy, I'd like to state that I should gladly repeat anything I said ~~now~~ under oath." They: "In other words you are satisfied that the contrary could not be proven?" - Is there a law forbidding resident aliens to spit FBI agents into their impudent and idiotic eyes? If so, it ought to be amended. But post haste!

Very many regards of the very kindest sort available. Please write a line at your early convenience telling me how you are and also what you think of this new "phase"? As I am not ~~an~~ "applicant" for anything any longer, any new FBI investigation would seem to express a certain desire on the part of the authorities to get me out of here. Or would it? What makes it all so funny is that they can search and investigate their brilliant heads off without ever discovering anything worth half a penny. Whatever they could do has long since been done, - I am without a job and entirely without earnings. Can't they be satisfied with robbing their own Treasury of my income tax ~~and~~ must they also lose their government those substantial sums sunk in the investigation? Not as if I ~~wind it~~

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mined! I don't know whether one may or may not "tend" to get cerebral hemorrhages. I don't think that I thus tend. Poor Mady Christians did and was duly killed. Have you read about it? These are charming times with which conclusive statement I shall now abruptly close. Not, of course, without assuring you once more of my kindest feelings and wishes.

Yours as ever cordially

Jacobs

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