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December 11, 1950

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

Dear Mr. Jacobs:

Hast thou then utterly forsaken me? As godforsaken as everything looks these days, I should be neither surprised nor hurt nor anything at all. At any rate though, and since your "rebuttal" failed to arrive and no "explanation" has been forthcoming from Washington D.C., I have now taken the liberty of addressing myself at some length to Mr. Shaughnessy who may, or may not, care to read my exposé, copy of which I enclose. Personally, I think it is one of the most handsome exposés ever composed by an innocent creature and sent to said creature's torturers. Let me only hope that it will actually implement my decision not to become an American citizen. As my lawyer - or are you my lawyer? - would you be so sweet as to tell me whether, in your opinion, I shall now cease to figure on Mr. Shaughnessy's list of applicants? Or is there anything else I - or you on my behalf - must do to make absolutely and irrevocably sure?

Once again: I am sincerely sorry that I had to take this action although you ~~had~~ advised against it. But then, as stated before, my "case" is mine, and I have had to handle it as I thought best.

Kindest regards. And please do let me hear from you now!

With warmest regards and kindest wishes for Christmas, the brand-new year and all the rest,

Yours as ever cordially

Erika Mann.