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June 24th, 1950

ERIKA MANN

Mr. Victor Jacobs,
Law Offices Galef & Jacobs,
22 East, 40th Street,
NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Jacobs, -

There cannot be the slightest doubt that this letter should have been written a very long time ago. But then, there was first a lot of wild travelling; then there followed my father's 75th birthday with which a great deal of work (not easily described, defined or explained) was connected; and finally, my mother had to undergo an operation (none too dangerous, but quite serious enough) which caused and keeps costing me a substantial part of my time. So there. Please forgive me.

For the rest, I happen to be a little vague as to what to say. I remember that you asked me to tell you about everybody who had been third degreed, who they were and how they are likely to have behaved. But I really don't know. There are at least 12 or 15 of my friends whom they tortured for between 2 and 4 hours in a stretch, none of whom collapsed, and of all of whom I am entirely certain. I fail to see though, how the acquisition of their names could do you any good - at least at this stage. There are also a very few people, such as Mrs. Alma Mahler-Werfel (the drunkard whom I mentioned to you) and Dr. Ludwig Marcuse (employed by the University of Southern California, and a very crazy bird indeed) of whom I cannot be sure. In addition there must be any number of hostile creatures who have been questioned behind my back. So what am I to tell you? Just in order to do something I enclose copy of a letter which departs by even mail in the direction of Mr. W. Colston Leigh. May the instructions issued therein arrive in time to be carried out.

The undersigned may for 2 or 3 weeks to come be reached under the above address.

Best wishes and the very kindest regards
from yours as ever cordially

