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Mr. Arthur Eggleston
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Dear Art,

I finally arrived in California and found a lot of sunshine, stupidity and high prices. Everybody asks me a lot of questions about Germany which I prefer not to answer, and about my own plans which I answer even more unwillingly. The fact is that I will probably end up in the NY office and take some kind of a job there which most people who haven't got such a job would describe as "very interesting". Once I get there I shall write to you.

Naturally, I shall refrain from asking you any questions about Nuernberg etc. But I should like to know how you and Virginia are getting along, whether the liquor ration is adequate, how the Bavarian sky looks through the telescope and when you will return.

The principal purpose of this letter is to send you the enclosed papers regarding the attack on Erika Mann by one of "our" licensees. As you may or may not know I am an old friend of Erika's which has nothing to do with this matter, of course. Even if she weren't I couldn't help agreeing with her, that the attack on her has been most unfair and damaging, and I firmly believe that some steps should be taken against the son of a bitch. The least that should be done in my opinion is that he should be given a severe reprimand, and forced to publish something of an apologetic nature. But you know more about how to handle such a case than I do; in any event we are agreed, I am sure, that we cannot let such a thing go by without badly damaging all sorts of things which we have worked for so fervently between hangovers.

Please study the enclosed stuff carefully (I'm sure that your "in-box" is bulging with papers and notes but do it anyhow) and go to work on this fellow and his paper to the limit. In any event I should like to hear from you what you plan to do in this affair.

My love to Virginia, also from Virginia. The car is here, I actually drove it across the country.

I believe that it is proper to say "thanking you in advance for your efforts I am" and I see nothing particularly wrong with this formula. So.....

Love all around (it is supposed to be the essence of Western civilisation but should, of course, under no circumstances be used against Mr. Harry Wilde)