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Hotel Imperial
Wien, September 27th

Dear Kay:

Re "Kzylle": Of course, Bertha Case is utterly in the wrong and ought to know that contracts are not there to be broken. Nor has Hugh Marlin ever been a friend of mine. To the best of my recollection, we haven't even met. But then we just might have. * As matters stand, however, I have nothing against re-activating the project, provided Mr. Marlin proves now willing to pay what he should have paid by July 1st, namely \$2,500. - Besides, I am enclosing a rather ancient letter which doesn't look any too promising. Even so, you might wish to look into the thing.

Re "Mario and the Magician": The rights are available.

Re "The Magic Mountain" and the play Frederick Even wishes to produce: Enclosed find copy of my letter to him which is self-explanatory. Even ought to be back home by now. Although, as stated before, the proposed venture wouldn't seem to open important financial avenues, absolutely ~~everything~~ everything is possible in the theatrical world. Also, needless to say, I'd feel a great deal happier, if you'd take care of the matter.

Re "Death in Venice": I am getting a little nervous. Everything appeared to be clear and simple enough - months ago. Then

* Del's not mention this, though. I am not displeased with that novel boy-friend.

Vienna

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enter Ed Reiskind turning on the complicatez,
writing a medium-sized novel without any
particular chance and holding things up
indefinitely. Let me hope Joe Besh, as
Fever's personal representative, will have used
the accelerator by now. Personally - if you
deem it unnecessary - I shan't insist on
the right to control both production costs
and box office results. But I still don't see
how we could possibly "sell" those rights for
good and ever for \$18000 with "buyer" not
being obliged to produce any film at all.
I heartily dislike option-contracts and feel, more-
over, that Fever has made such a good start
regarding the screenplay that he need have no
fear. However, if he definitely shrinks from
agreeing to a reasonable deadline, it might
be better for all concerned to have him
buy an option - at a reasonable price. As
a matter of fact he ^{has} been holding a gratis
option for quite some time now, for we
shouldn't have dreamed of touching the property
as long as the contract was continually in
the process of being finalized according to
terms agreed on by everyone.

I do have a secretary at present, but one
who - alas - doesn't write ^{even my sort of} English.

Kindest Regards.

Yours cordially,

Erna

|| Shall have to stay here
till the end of October!

