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Enclosure:

Enclosed you will find one copy of a four page letter intended to be received by one of several possible publishers. Writers Market '56' prompted me to alter my original intention of contacting publishers rather than agents with what I have to offer. Hence your receipt of said copy.

Calling to your attention the existence of a manuscript of authorship, a work one could describe as a combined document of report, analysis and indictment. The four page letter supplies a rough idea of what is being offered here though the manuscript but a mere sampling of the novel and salient material and you integrated technological etc. facts and issues offered by said work.

In the expense of appearing dramatic, permit me to say that the unprecedented nature of my manuscript or documentary is such that I cannot, at this time, afford the luxury of sparring with time by sequentially contacting one publisher or agent or another. For its nature is such that I cannot afford the waste of time in unfavorable reaction from even one agent or publisher should I not be.

My aversion for what I would assume to be a violation of protocol in this matter (I have contacted five agents simultaneously) is tempered by the certainty that my manifold correspondence will either have no more than a twenty percent chance of eliciting favorable reaction from agents or have no chance at all. This estimate is based on the referred to unprecedented nature of the manuscript.

In several important respects, my brain-child reads more like a scenario than the ultra-serious reflection and sequence of events and hard cold facts so meticulously records and presents. Does the descriptive four page letter suggest a manuscript your organization would be in a position to market? Would you be interested in a copy for purposes of appraisal?

Very truly yours,

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