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Dear Sylvia Meagher:

As I'm sure you know, Dave has told me of your kind offers of help on my case, and I quite naturally appreciate them very much.

If the idea appeals to you, you could I think help me most at this time by forming a FAIR-PLAY-FOR-THORNLEY-COMMITTEE.

Such a Committee would have these functions:

- 1) Getting names in the critical community and in the radical community openly committed to combating Garrisonitus, by enlisting their signatures to my cause;
- 2) Helping me raise trial expenses;
- 3) Granting wide publicity to the intellectual/moral atrocities of the Goosestepping Garrisonites.

Less work on your part would be required than might at first seem necessary. I have enough connections to get the ball rolling on #1. #1 and #3 will both contribute to the success #2. And the existence of the Committee and the publicity it gets from its name and #'s 1 and 2 will give you, Dave and others a platform via the F-P-T-C for #3.

I've tested this name on people. The uncommitted chuckle, the anti-Garrison roar, and the pro-Garrison are unnerved.

The main labor involved over and above what you are apparently already doing would be the opening and forwarding of incoming letters ~~to~~ ^{via} a mutually suitable mailing address in New York. I could then send these to other members, who would answer them, etc. You could make your end of it as elaborate or simple as you wished -- either cashing checks and accounting for funds there or letting me get someone to do it here. In either case, I'd want to pay you a contracted percentage for your time.

Possibly this idea will for one reason or another not interest you, in which case there will be no problems -- so please respond to it frankly, saying so if you'd prefer to help in strictly a research capacity or some other way.

I believe that after a FAIR-PLAY-FOR-THORNLEY-COMMITTEE had outlived its goal, the social liasbns it would have established might serve as the basis for a responsible, nonpolitical post-Garrison critical community devoted to cleaning up the wreckage and finding out about the assassination.

Regards,


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