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Mr. Harold Weisburg
313 H Street, N.W.
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Dear Harold:

I am enclosing a check for the sum of \$100 in connection with the labor yarn. I know that you made some dispersements on this story, but since I don't know the sum, I can't pay you. If you will let me know your costs, I'll take care of the matter immediately.

I am in receipt of your material on the army yarn. I went through it, and think it's swell. There are two or three points, however, which have to be cleared up.

To facilitate matters, I'll see Major Mason who will be in New York this week.

Unfortunately, the army stuff arrived too late for me to be able to put through a voucher for a check for you today. Friday is pay day, so I'll send you a check next week, special delivery, so that you can have it for Saturday.

Incidentally, the boys here feel that you should definitely receive some compensation for your legwork on the WOMEN AT WAR yarn. So when the job is finished, we'll dope out some amount. I'm afraid that the sum won't be terrific because, as you know, this is a non-profit venture on which we expect to lose money. But we will take care of you.

I am also enclosing herewith some clippings from the New York Times of Thursday, May 21, 1942. You will note that the heading on one of them says: MCNUTT PREDICTS DRAFT OF LABOR.

The information contained in these clippings makes me a little dubious that our article is completely consistent all the way through in terms of current developments now and in the near future.

I'm so rushed that I just haven't the time to sit down and dope things out, and I wonder if you could handle the matter.

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If I remember correctly, in the article McNutt states that we won't have a draft of labor because the American people will cooperate and that, consequently, a draft will be unnecessary. But do you think that we should add a sentence or so to the effect that if full cooperation is not forthcoming, a draft might eventually be in order? This, I feel, would jibe with the statements in the Times and cover us fully. And we can temper the thought that a draft of labor might be in the offing by also inserting a sentence to the effect that no Americans are going to fall down on the job and fail to cooperate.

I should like you to tackle this matter on Monday, if possible, so will you call Irwin? You see, this is holding us from going to press and I'm anxious to straighten out things because, as you know, McNutt's name is on our front cover. ~~McNutt's name is on our front cover. This is a very delicate matter and we must handle it with care.~~

So please call Irwin and handle him with kid gloves. If you want to discuss anything with me before proceeding, or if you run into any snags, call me.

Have you investigated the possibilities of a lead for our second issue, and have you any other ideas or articles pending for us?

How did you make out with the Civil Service job?

I've been meaning to write you ever since I returned from Washington, but I've been so tied up that I just couldn't get to it. I want to thank you at this time for all your help and cooperation. I really appreciate it.

Give my regards to Lil, and I hope to see you in the Capitol within the next few weeks.

Keep up the good work.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,


Alex J. Whyman

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