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Dear Al,

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I have just received your special delivery. Thanks.

Re: Postwar planning- my answer to your question would be both yes

and no. Certainly people want and should be told of the world after

the war, certainly a bright and shining light toward which they

can and will march is very desirable. But few things here are more controversial. It already has shown itself in Congress, which is

afraid, to use the kind of language the Times-Herald uses,

the administration is going to lend-lease us and spend us into

socialism, setting the administration up as a sort of modified

version of the fake Protocols of Zion. Do you see what I'm driving

at? Wallace, were he to write a piece, would do a good postwar

article, and perhaps there are others who could. Personally,

I am very interested in the subject, and have given it much thought. of the check. You sent me \$5. Not counting yesterday's \$5.00 for the present, if my advice is worth anything to you, skip it.

Let it wait until someone who could do a "safe" piece, like Wallace,

comes along. For the present, things shaping the way they do, I'd

recommend we devote our energies to those things which will help

win the war. I'm really afraid such a piece would be lighter too

heavy or too touchy for you. For example, are you willing to say

in your magazine that one of the best assurances we have that the

same old mistakes will not be made at this peace table will be the

anti-imperialist Soviet Union, which will unquestionably be present,

and will resist the connivings of politicians who, if left alone,

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will repeat the mistakes of 1918? Or what will you say about the internal economy of this country? Whatever you say, at this time, will likely antagonize a goodly percentage of the readers, if they are connected with any political or economic group.

Postwar planning - my answer - I'll work on this, but I don't want to waste any of your money.

I might point out that Bob Rogers has a piece coming out in Liberty on this subject, angled along the line, "What are they fighting for," the "they" being our allies.

Possibly I might think otherwise after a while. These are my

initial thoughts. It's very early in the morning. There will probably

be additions to this letter after I work today. I'm

attaching the copy of the notice, in case you want it.

Also, Al, there was a slight mistake in the expense account part

of the check. You sent me \$5. Not counting yesterday, here is what it was, as I reported it to you: \$1.55 early in the week, then

\$.80 for cabs and \$1.65 for typing the Morgenthau msg, then a

total of \$4.70 for taking the press officer to lunch re: the

Litvineff article you want. Possibly you were paying me just for

this last item in this check, in which event you cheated yourself.

In any event, the total due me is \$3.70 more than you sent. Yesterday

was \$.50 for a messenger and \$1.10 for cabs, or a total of \$5.30,

and if I have time I'll add today's expenses and that will bring

us up to date on expenses.