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September 3, 1942

Mr. Harold Weisberg
313 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Harold:

This brings up to date the matter of the prostitution yarn.

It seems as if the Doctor's name is not Goldman, but Goodman. As I told you, he told us that he would cooperate, provided that we got the approval of the Health Commissioner, whom we called, but who never called us back. I told you all this on the telephone yesterday.

Today we called Goodman again and we reiterated the fact that the byline was that of Vanderleer. We mentioned the name of Judson Hardy, but Goodman said he could do nothing without the consent of the Health Commissioner.

Goodman hinted, sub rosa, that soon after our call, the Commissioner wrote him a letter and accused him of trying to get money and cheap publicity for himself. (This was several days ago.)

When we spoke to Goodman this last time, we emphasized the fact that Vanderleer was lending his name to the thing, but again he insisted that he could do nothing without the Health Commissioner's O.K.

I think we should write to the Commissioner, saying that the article is for Vanderleer. But I hesitate to do so because Vanderleer might not like it and for reasons that we both can well see. So will you check to see if I can write a letter and find out exactly what it can contain. However, it seems to me now that only a direct communication from Vanderleer will really save the situation.

I haven't as yet received the O.K. from the army on the tank-tester story.

Your suggestions about the article on doing business with the Soviet Union are well taken.

I won't be able to come to Washington before next Tuesday, at the earliest and I'm not at all sure of that date. Just as soon as I do know when I can come, I'll let you know.

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In case you want to get in touch with me, I'll be in the office all day on Friday, and I'll be at my home on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. The address is 84-30 126th Street, Kew Gardens, Long Island, New York. The telephone number is Virginia 9-8949.

The third issue is now going to press and contains an article by Yunghill Keng on secret plans of the Japanese for conquest. Beginning the day after Labor Day, I have to start the fourth issue rolling. The deadline for this is September 20. What about the lead article about which we spoke? Incidentally, in the fourth issue I am going to use the army tank-tester story, and I hope that there will be no trouble.

Frances will send you tomorrow the check for \$75 due you on the Soviet yarn and also the money for last week's expenses.

Best regards,

Sincerely,


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