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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Harold:

Following your phone conversation of 3 A.M. last night, I have done my best to straighten out the various difficulties which your letter raises. To take them up as nearly as I can in order, here are the answers:

1. Our bookkeeping department informs me that you have been mailed a cheque for \$20.00 for the last³ week. Another one will be mailed out this Wednesday. If you have not received this number of cheques, please let me know and we will investigate.
2. You have coming to you money for some special assignments carried out after the settlement we made with you at the conclusion of the FBI story. As far as I can make out we owe you for research on violations of the law by Dies, following up on the FBI story and possibly for some research on the Wages and Hours story. I am unable to check the latter assignment since it was given by Dick Boyer, who is out of the office today. I am enclosing a cheque for \$50.00. This probably does not cover the agreed price on the research, but if you will let me know how much more is due I will see to it that you get the additional money at once.
3. I am also enclosing a cheque for \$3.25 to defray expenses incurred by you as outlined in your letter.
4. On the assignments made by wire yesterday I will pay you the agreed price of \$20.00. This money will be mailed to you a week from Wednesday.
5. All payments for all work, whether retainer or special are being made on Wednesday, according to a new office routine.
6. As soon as Dick returns to the office, which will be on Friday, I will make inquiries about the memo on the LaFollette ~~Rec~~^{search} and pictures of Senator Norris which you inquired about.

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7. The letters which you send to me each week I consider to be very valuable information, and I have made no comment on them to date for the reason that I have not wanted any special research done. In the future I will try to tell you only what I want more of, and not endeavor to comment on the material you have sent. Let me repeat, I consider the work to be valuable.
8. On the "Bata Story," I do not at the moment want to have the story, nor is it true that I have assigned somebody else to go to Washington to cover it. The reason that I have not requested further research on Bata is that I do not consider it a big enough story for us at this juncture.
9. I want to get a speech by Congressman Thill listing registered foreign agents.
10. I am interested in keeping after the story which you hinted at, of alliance between the CIO and the Workers Alliance.

I think that a few words of general explanation are due you about the lack of communication between myself and yourself, and here they are:

I have been saddled with the job of advancing the deadline of the paper seven days in four weeks so that we could get our printing done sufficiently far ahead to make national distribution on the same day from coast to coast. This has meant that I have had to put out four successive issues in four days. I am sure that you can realize the tremendous work load that this has meant for me, and will understand that I have had to spend all available time on the most essential things connected with FRIDAY, which is to say the immediate stories. As a result, you and quite a number of other people have been sadly neglected. I quite understand your reaction and I trust that you will take into account my troubles. Now, that we are only a half a day behind our schedule and expect to be right up to it within a week, I will be in a position to work more closely with you. Starting next week I hope to be able to send you a list of stories on our future book; so that you can send me appropriate comment as to information available. It is also my hope to be able to, at long last, come down to Washington.

In the meantime, good luck with the Grand Jury investigation,
and

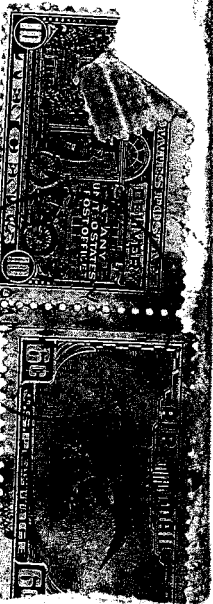
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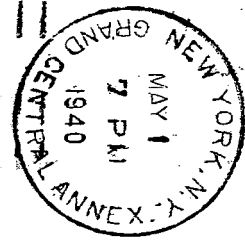
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