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Mr Harold Weisberg  
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Dear Harold:

In regard to the ships that have been transferred to foreign registry I suggest that you check up far enough to discover how much tonnage has been transferred to the Allies and who owns these ships. Also, by all means discover if these ships were built by the government. After I hear from you on this I will advise you as to whether I need any further information on the subject.

Also, within the next three days send me material for a profile on Senator Key Pittman, particularly with reference to his work on the Foreign Relations Committee. I will have Dick Boyer send you a letter detailing exactly what we want, but in the meantime, I suggest that you get together such material as you think will be interesting. We want enough data to give about a 1200 word story, stressing what evidences of policy and change of policy in recent months he has shown. Also included should be an estimate of the power of his position on the committee in terms of what he can do and what he can stop being done. Also I feel that we should have some data on his relationship to the foreign policy of the State Department and also his relationship with the President at this juncture.

Sylvia will write you a note today concerning your finances.

Regards,

*Cameron*

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