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Mr. Jess Irvin
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Federal Security Agency
Room 5671, New Social Security Bldg.,
Washington, D.C.

(Attention Mr. Mittell)

Dear Mr. Irvin,

"Picture Scoop," a new monthly picture magazine, has asked me to communicate with you about a story for them by Paul McNutt. This morning I spoke to your Mr. Harper about this. He liked the idea and referred me to you. I spoke to Mr. Mittell, of your office.

Mr. Mittell and I believe the best way to handle this would be to supply Mr. Clement J. Wyle, editor of "Picture Scoop", with copies of some of Mr. McNutt's recent speeches and statements, from which he would draw about 1500 words along the lines he thinks would make best copy and then submit this copy to you.

I might point out that it was Mr. McNutt's radio speech of the night before last, which Mr. Wyle heard and considered excellent, that made him want an article by Mr. McNutt. It is Mr. Wyle's intention to make this story the lead story of the issue, and probably to give Mr. McNutt a good play on the cover. This will be the first issue of the magazine, and it will print 750,000 copies.

After speaking to Mr. Mittell I phoned Mr. Wyle. He will have in your hands, either by mail or in person if he has to come to Washington on other business, both the text and a dummy, including captions, by the first of next week.

When you send this material to Mr. Wyle, it will be swell if you can indicate what you consider most important or what you would prefer to have emphasized. If you have one, will you please send him a photograph of Mr. McNutt? Thanks.

Please address Mr. Wyle at Suite 903, 114 E. 32nd. St., New York, N.Y.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Weisberg

Enclosed is a copy of the letter I sent Mittell following our talk today.

Harold Weisberg

PS Mittell suggested that for pictures, or a picture, you could get a hots or shots of McNutt with his board. For some reason or other, this picture hasn't appeared down here, and maybe hasn't even been made.