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Dear Al,

Here are some things we may cover later today by phone:

Wallace's man is out of town until at least next Monday. Which is as I told you, even though that doesn't help us. I'll report further when he returns.

Much the same is true of Maloney. As you know, I spoke to him some time ago, and he agreed to us doing the piece you suggested. However, he asked me to hold off because of the pressure of his work. I was to call him today. I did, but it turns out that several immediate things having to do with the indictment of the 28 for sedition have taken him to Chicago (today) and the West Coast. He will be in NY on the 15th., and then, his secretary suggests, he will return to DC. I have asked his secretary to write him and make a date for me for 2 hours after he returns. She has agreed to do this and will write me when she hears from him.

In connections with the Maloney thing, try and recall the expose I recommended to you, new, unused and terrific stuff on Edward James Smythe, stuff that is bound to come out in the trial. Smythe is the only one of the 28 now yet apprehended, which makes it better still. If you want this, let's shoot and use it if possible the issue before Maloney. Later we'll be able to refer back and show how this expose and its material was used in the trial (as I'm confident it will be).

I received your check. Thanks. It was \$2.22 too much, and you have my permission to deduct it from the current expense account for last week, which is:

Phones, \$0.95; cabs, \$3.35; Car, \$2.28; stamps, \$0.36. Total, \$6.94.

I am working on some new stories which I think will interest you, and will write you when I have full information.

I'm expecting to hear from Sabath later this afternoon. However, I want to ask you to immediately send me an outline of what you'd like the story to be and say.

The situation on the Marines is as I reported it to you Saturday Friday.

What's with the Washington Canteen story? What's with Chicks song, both as to publication and re a little story in PS?

Also, Mr. Duras, assistant clerk of the House Rules Committee, evidently sent you an unsolicited piece on what to do with Hitler. You haven't answered him, and this, I know, is what usually happens, but please answer him. At the least write him a nice note and tell him you are sorry you received it too late, but that you appreciate his kindness, etc. and return the piece to him. He works for Sabath, who did not call me back as he was supposed to.

Yours

Harold Weisberg