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MY VERY DEAR UNCLE JIM:

I HAVE SEEN AGNES SMITH AND DELIVERED YOUR MESSAGE. SHE IS A VERY FINE PERSON, AND IS WORKING HARD AND FAST TO DO SOME CONCRETE WORK FOR YOU, AND SO, FOR US. WE HAD LUNCH TOGETHER AND TALKED ABOUT EVERYTHING.

YOU HAVE PROBABLY RECEIVED SEVERAL LETTERS FROM DIFFERENT PERSONS REGARDING A RADIO SET WHICH IS BEING PURCHASED FOR YOU. I AM WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE COMMITTEE, AND IT OCCURS TO ME THAT HEARING FROM SO MANY PEOPLE MIGHT LEAD YOU TO THINK WE ARE NOT WORKING TOGETHER ON THE MATTER. SO I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO WRITE YOU THE DETAILS AND WAIT FOR YOUR REPLY TO ME.

IN MY OPINION, A SHORT-WAVE SET WOULD BE OF LITTLE ADVANTAGE TO YOU AT THE PRESENT TIME. THE PROGRAMS YOU WANT TO HEAR OVER THE SHORT-WAVE COME EARLY IN THE MORNING--THAT IS, THE BEST RECEPTION COMES OVER ABOUT 2:30 IN THE MORNING. THEN, TOO, ALL SUCH BROADCASTS ARE MORE PROBABLE THAN POSSIBLE, DEPENDING UPON THE WEATHER, THE BEST POSSIBLE INSTALLATION, ETC. IN VIEW OF YOUR LIMITATIONS, THEREFORE, IT WOULD BE MY PERSONAL FEELING THAT A VERY FINE STANDARD BROADCAST SET WOULD BE THE WISEST BUY. ARE YOU PERMITTED TO HAVE AN ELECTRIC SET? IT IS POSSIBLE FOR ME TO PURCHASE A 9 OR 10-TUBE SET WITH A VERY LARGE DISCOUNT OFF. HOWEVER, YOU KNOW YOUR SITUATION, OF COURSE, BETTER THAN ANY OF US. ANITA TALKED WITH ME THIS MORNING ABOUT IT, AND THE MONEY IS ABOUT ALL COLLECTED.

WILL YOU WRITE ME IMMEDIATELY THE DETAILS, AT WHAT TIMES OF THE DAY AND NIGHT YOU CAN LISTEN TO THE RADIO, IF YOU WILL BE ABLE TO GET PROPER INSTALLATION, ETC. ALSO, WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO BUY THE SET FOR THE COMMITTEE AT A REDUCED PRICE? WRITE ME ANYTHING ABOUT THIS, AND I WILL TAKE IT UP WITH THE COMMITTEE. A 9-TUBE OR 10-TUBE SET SHOULD GIVE YOU VERY FINE RESULTS. I WILL KEEP YOU IN TOUCH WITH SOME OF THE SPECIAL BROADCASTS.

BOB WEINARD IS HERE, AND WE LEARN SOME GRAND NEWS ABOUT PLANS FOR THE FUTURE FOR JIM. SO THERE IS GREAT CAUSE FOR REJOICING, AND YOU MUST KEEP UP YOUR COURAGE NOW, ABOVE ALL TIMES.

WE ARE PREPARING FOR SATURDAY. SEVERAL THOUSAND PEOPLE ARE PLANNING TO GO TO SACRAMENTO. YOU WILL BE IN MY THOUGHTS, AND THIS GREAT VICTORY MEANS SOMETHING FOR YOU. REMEMBER THIS.

THE NEWS FROM SPAIN IS, AS USUAL, CONFLICTING. RECENTLY I HAD A LETTER FROM A STUDENT AT OXFORD IN WHICH HE SAYS THE STAGE SEEMS TO BE SET FOR THE SPRING, SO FAR AS THINGS IN CENTRAL EUROPE ARE CONCERNED. ACCORDING TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S MESSAGE TO OUR CONGRESS THIS MORNING, HE IS NOT UNAWARE OF THIS POSSIBILITY. WE ARE STARTING A VERY INTERESTING YEAR--A YEAR FULL OF MARVELLOUS POSSIBILITIES.

HILDA JOINS ME IN SENDING HER COMRADELY LOVE. WE THINK OF YOU ALWAYS, AND YOUR LETTERS ARE A GREAT JOY TO ME.

FRATERNALLY AND COMRADELY,

MARGARET