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MY VERY DEAR J.BL:--

YOU HAVE NOT WRITTEN ME IN SOME TIME, AND I AM WORRIED ABOUT YOU, FOR SOME REASON. ANITA TOLD ME YOU SPOKE OF HAVING RECEIVED A PETITION PLEDGING YOU SUPPORT BY A GROUP OF WORKERS; HOWEVER, THERE WERE THOUSANDS OF PETITIONS SENT IN. I WENT TO SEVERAL UNIONS MYSELF AND SECURED SIGNATURES FROM SEVERAL HUNDRED INDIVIDUALS. I HOPE THESE TRIBUTES REACHED YOU. I READ THE LETTER WRITTEN BY THE INDUSTRIAL UNION COUNCIL, WHICH WAS A BEAUTIFUL TRIBUTE TO YOUR LOYALTY, YOUR FAITH AND YOUR TRUST IN THE WORKING CLASS. ANITA MAY HAVE HEARD FROM YOU RECENTLY, AND SHE IS PLANNING TO COME TO HAVE DINNER WITH US TO-NIGHT, SO MY ANXIETY MAY BE RELIEVED WHEN I SEE HER WITHIN THE NEXT FEW HOURS. MEANTIME, I HOPE YOU ARE WELL. I TRUST MY LAST LETTER DID NOT DISCOURAGE YOU. PERHAPS THINGS LOOKED A LITTLE BLACK AT THE

MOMENT, BUT I AM ON TOP AGAIN.

THE OUTLOOK IS MUCH MORE HOPEFUL, JIM—IN FACT, IT IS MUCH BRIGHTER THAN EVER BEFORE SINCE I HAVE KNOWN YOU. I HAVE HAD SEVERAL INTERVIEWS WITH INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE WORKING ON OUR COMMITTEE (OR I REALLY SHOULD SAY YOUR COMMITTEE). LABOR IS RALLYING BETTER THAN AT ANY OTHER TIME TO YOUR SUPPORT.

I HAD HOPED TO GET UP TO SEE YOU WITH ANITA, BUT IT WAS NOT THOUGHT ADVISABLE FOR BOTH OF US TO GO AT ONCE. PERHAPS I MAY BE IN LINE NEXT TIME.

MARGARET