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DEAR JIM:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BEAUTIFUL LETTER WHICH HAS BEEN IN MY THOUGHTS FOR MANY DAYS SINCE ITS ARRIVAL. HILDA AND I GOT IN TOUCH WITH BOB MINOR IMMEDIATELY AFTER READING IT AND WE MADE A DATE FOR THE FOLLOWING MORNING.

I WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT YOU SHOULD NEVER FEEL, AT ANY TIME IN YOUR LIFE, THAT YOU ARE ANYTHING IN THE WAY OF A "STUMBLING BLOCK" TO THE WORKING CLASS. YOU HAVE BEEN, THROUGH ALL THESE YEARS, A TREMENDOUS FORCE FOR PROGRESS AND A GREAT INSPIRATION TO ALL OF US. I WISH YOU MIGHT HEAR YOUR INFLUENCE SPOKEN IN OUR MANY MEETINGS AND FEEL ITS RADIANCE. IT IS TRUE, I REALIZE, ALL TOO CLEARLY, IT MAY BE, THE MANY DIFFICULTIES WE HAVE TO OVERCOME IN PUTTING THE FINAL CHAPTER TO THE TIMES CASE. BUT THE OUTLOOK IS AT PRESENT MORE HOPEFUL THAN IT HAS EVER BEEN SINCE THE RULING CLASS SENT YOU AND THE OTHER BOYS TO PRISON. ALL HAVE BEEN RELEASED BUT YOU AND MATT. YOU MUST REALIZE, TOO, THAT OUR OTHER FRIEND, THOUGHOUT THE 22 YEARS, HAS HIMSELF KEPT HIS OWN CASE ALIVE AND, TO A GREAT DEGREE, HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING HIMSELF A SYMBOL. YOU HAVE BEEN SELFLESS AND UNSELFISH TO AN EXTREME, AND THE SELFLESS PERSON ALWAYS IS NEGLECTED MORE THAN THE INDIVIDUAL WHO PUSHES HIS PROBLEM BEFORE THE PEOPLE.

IT IS MY SINCERE CONVICTION THAT YOU SHOULD FEEL MORE HOPEFUL AND ENCOURAGED ABOUT THE TIMES CASE NOW THAN AT ANY OTHER TIME. IN YOUR VISIT WITH BOB AND LEO PROBABLY SOME OF THE PLANS FOR THE FUTURE WERE DISCUSSED WITH YOU. THE ONE THING CAN BE QUIETLY ARRANGED THROUGH THE ADMINISTRATION WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, IT WOULD SEEM TO ME. ANITA HAS THE SAME VIEW ON THIS POINT. THEN THE CONTACT WOULD BE MUCH MORE SIMPLE. THE OTHER PLANS WOULD BE WORKED OUT LATER. WE MUST, OF COURSE, MOVE VERY WISELY AND CAREFULLY. BUT, MOVE WE WILL.

OUR STATE TRAINING SCHOOL FORMED A STATE ALUMNI, OF WHICH I BELIEVE I TOLD YOU IN MY EARLIER LETTERS. WE ARE VERY PROUD OF THIS ACHIEVEMENT. WE ARE PREPARING TO CONDUCT A SCHOOL ABOUT THE MIDDLE OF THIS MONTH FOR OUR VETERANS WHO HAVE RECENTLY RETURNED FROM SPAIN. IT WILL BE ONLY A ONE-WEEK COURSE, BUT WILL PREPARE THEM TO WORK MORE COLLECTIVELY AND INTELLIGENTLY IN THE BUILDING OF A DEMOCRATIC FRONT IN THE UNITED STATES AND TO PRESERVE THE SHAM OF DEMOCRACY WE HAVE IN THE "DEMOCRATIC" COUNTRIES AND TO MAINTAIN PEACE IN THESE NATIONS.

THE BOYS HAVE RAISED ENOUGH MONEY FOR YOUR RADIO, AND, OF COURSE, IT MUST BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE. I DO NOT KNOW JUST WHAT THE COMMITTEE HAS DECIDED ABOUT THE MAKE WE WILL PURCHASE, BUT THERE SHOULD BE SOME ACTION ON IT WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. MANY PEOPLE HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THIS FUND, SO YOU SHOULD NOT SAY IT MUST WAIT. IT MAKES US VERY HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO DO SOME SMALL CONCRETE THING WHICH WILL BRING YOU SOME PLEASURE.

I AM SENDING THE GREETING ACKNOWLEDGMENTS TO THOSE WHOSE NAMES YOU GAVE ME. THERE WAS A LADY IN NEW ENGLAND YOU ASKED ME TO WRITE TO SOME TIME AGO. WHAT IS HER NAME AND ADDRESS?

WITH WARM AND COMRADELY GREETINGS,

MARGARET