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Dear Don:

Your visit was too hectic to get anywhere, at least as far as some things I had in mind were concerned. Let's hope for better luck next time.

Taylor is working on a new series under a topic which I think is excellent, i.e. "We Must Understand Russia!" I have suggested the following themes: 1. Is the Communist International dissolved? 2. Stalin's Pattern of Conquest. 3. We must understand Stalin. 4. Stalin's treatment of minorities. 5. Everyday life under Soviet occupation.

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I think you/agree as to the educational value of what is being done through this channel. Why not pitch in? Perhaps you have some other ideas to suggest. My idea was that you write the bitterest, yet factual analysis of Joe that has been written anywhere, one that fits the present situation. This will certainly arouse a storm. If it's 100% accurate it may bust some of the halo.

I am working on a book dealing with the nature of the Communist movement. It is intended to be a primer on the subject and to fulfil a present need, since there is no such book. Since the stuff speaks very frankly, I cannot see how I could author it with my present connection. I had in mind that perhaps 100 or 200 might be run off for a limited circulation in the Department and a restricted list of Government officials, where it might do a lot of good. The Gitlow book is too full of personal material to fill this need. My stuff is impersonal and purely factual. I wanted you to read the four chapters I have written and get your reaction. Why don't you try to get down to this next time?

I notice that Harry D. White and Frank Coe are to participate in the Anglo-American financial conference. Both of these guys are on Wh. Ch's list, are they not? Please let me know this immediately, since Ray is not here. I want to do something with it.

Please remember me to Ruth.

Sincerely,

Ben