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Dear Bob:

Many thanks for your letter of August 18 and your offer to help with the Standard of Indiana people. It landed here today, having been forwarded, first to London and then to Amsterdam.

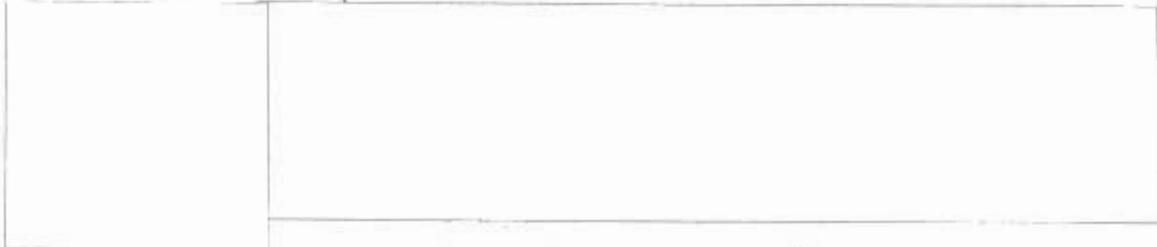
The Pan-American people have been "off again on again" -- off for a while because Chris Dome seemed to regard us as competition, but now on again since he realizes that we will be helping him personally as well as his company. Anyhow, we will have a definite answer by September 15, after the Cairo Pan-American man meets with his Standard of Indiana bosses ~~back in the U.S.~~ back in the U.S.

BUT -- developments in Cairo have recently been such that I am wondering if we shouldn't think of serving someone whose interests in the Middle ~~East~~ are more general than those of Pan-American. It's beginning to look as though the mere job of watching my old friends to see what they are going to do in coming months might be a job of historic significance, much too big to be wasted on one oil company with local interests. My personal inclinations take me away from Cairo these days (I am actually househunting in London), but it might be worth a life's work just to concentrate on finding out the intimate details of what Nasser has in mind: (1) with respect to Middle Eastern oil countries, especially Libya, in line with his needs to do something desperate to ease his money problems; and (2) support to American negro agitators. This last might sound a little silly to some people, but I am sure you are close enough to things to know that Nasser's flirtation with the Chinese Communists originates at least in part with a Chinese notion that he is worth something in a subversive campaign in the U.S. (My British friends are taking this very seriously.)

In any event, so long as my inside track ~~with Nasser~~ in Cairo remains virtually unique I think it ought to be heard and used on something of vital importance rather than simply to make a few more bucks for Intersec. When I cancelled my week-end in the country with Nasser a few weeks ago (necessary while the Pan-American people were stalling), I got a letter inviting me to "come any time" which no other American, with the possible exception of Ed Masen, has ever seen the likes of. I could go down there on behalf of my old outfit, but with Allen B. gone I don't dare do so

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because I knew I would wind up dealing with the "desk level" and merely going back to a government job — and not a very good one at that.



As things now appear, business interests will keep me pretty close to London and Amsterdam for the next six weeks — although I may shortly decide that, Pan-American or no Pan-American, I had better go to Cairo for a quick visit just to keep my standing up. Jack will probably land in New York in about three weeks, and I will have to leave it to him to look after my business and Intersec interests — unless something comes up between now and then which requires my personal attention, in which case I will cable you so as to give you plenty of notice. I would very much like to have that hour-or-two talk with you, and will do anything I can to make it.

Thanks again, and best wishes,



P.S. You may have noticed the Seymour Freidin article, enclosed. He clearly knows what he is talking about, but has missed some main points and has overlooked most of the subtleties. It bears on what we are talking about, though.

Note: Beginning Sept 10, my address will be 10 Victoria Road, London, W 8.