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His Eminence
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Your Eminence:

Recently your address of August 30, 1954, before the American Legion's National Convention, has come to my attention. I am writing to ask whether or not you can refer me to the source of the quotation which you attributed to Lenin:

"First we will take Eastern Europe; then the masses of Asia. Then we will encircle the United States of America which will be the last bastion of capitalism. We will not have to attack it; it will fall like an overripe fruit into our hands."

Also, I was much interested in the quotation which you took from Dimitry Z. Mamulsky's address of 1930. I am wondering if you can tell me where I can locate a copy of that speech.

We shall appreciate any assistance you can give us in locating the source of these two quotations.

Respectfully yours,

Bettina Bien

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