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Dear Chat:

I was reminded of you yesterday in a rather strange fashion. I got a telephone call from The Freeman magazine asking me for the first name and middle initial of Mr. Anderson, who is in charge of the Associated Industries of the Quad-Cities. Naturally, I was very happy to supply them with this information.

Our work here is going along in a somewhat summer fashion. I mean by that that almost all of the time somebody is gone on vacation. We've been missing Ivan Bierly now for five weeks, and I'm quite anxious to see him return. He is sure an excellent chap.

I have thus far spent two weeks away from the Foundation, and next week will be in the region of Connecticut. In addition to that time, I have been able to make a couple of trips down to New York for various reasons, and I'm finding the work to be more and more fascinating all the time.

Have you ever run into the Henry Georgist School of philosophers in the realm of economics? I'm sure you have. I have discovered that quite a number of the old line libertarians such as Frank Chodorov and Albert Jay Nock are or were Henry Georgists in their economic thinking, were constantly getting people from the Henry Georgist Schools up here, and they think we're just wonderful, although I haven't quite determined why. As you know, they believe in the Single Tax theory of the supporting of government, and they build a whole philosophy based upon that approach. I think most of us around here take the position that the way in which government is supported is so far down the line on the list of real important things to consider that we aren't very much worried about it. If we would be permitted to define what government should do, the method that would be pursued in collecting the funds to operate it would be of incidental importance, or as Dean Russell says, "It would be so darn little that you could get that much by passing a hat on a street corner."

Little by little I learn new ways of making an approach for the Foundation. It's a funny sort of a life when you're actually after money and yet you never mention it. Leonard and I had a good talk this morning about this very thing, and the more I deal with that guy, the more fabulous he is.

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I finally got around to writing out a thing which would have been about the size for a Clipping. I haven't seen all the blue slips on it yet, but it got pretty well klobbered. There were three favorable comments on it, although I'm pretty sure I'll kill it before it ever gets to Leonard. It's a start and I believe that it's important to get started on that sort of thing. I still think that you ought to do some writing. I think you'd do an excellent job of it, and I would be anxious to see your efforts along a particular line.

Greet the gang for me, especially greet Lois and tell all of them I would like to hear from them whenever they have an opportunity.

Cordially,

Jim Rogers

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