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Dear Chet:

I hasten to reply to your very informative letter to say first of all that Paul appreciated very much the information you gave me and also the letter you had sent to him.

Whoever indicated that it was a glass company that dropped their subscription to the Foundation was correct; it was Libbey-Owens-Ford and the details were somewhat as follows, although I think this is mildly confidential. They had already had a meeting and approved the \$5,000 they ordinarily send us and then they received The Tariff Idea, and they just naturally said, "After receiving that, we aren't interested," or something to that effect and marked us off their list. In such occasions, Leonard writes a very nice letter, thanks them even for the boot in the kisser, and says that he will keep them on the mailing list and something to the effect that perhaps they will change their mind as to our worth -- that's about all there is to it.

Enclosed herewith you will find your copy of Corporate Contributions for Education which you wanted to give to Burdick Richardson. I have checked and do not find that he is one of the men to whom we have already sent a copy. I hope that with it you can do some good.

I did meet your friend, Maguire, in Syracuse and found him most helpful. I think he's going to arrange a meeting with some of the wheels of industry in that area ere too long, and I'll have a chance to get a crack at them. There is some good industry in that town, including Carrier Air Conditioning to mention only one. I had a nice time with our John Deere people there and find them more sympathetic than the group in Moline. Let's face it, I didn't come home with any money.

It was a most informative trip and one that gave me an opportunity to learn some things about this business I hadn't known before. I don't know whether I told you this or not, but I believe that upstate New York is one of the most underrated scenic areas in the United States. I can't think of a more beautiful place to take a vacation trip. I had no idea how much nicer mountains look if you've got trees on them. I had always thought that they had to be bare rocks like you see out West in order to be real mountains. But these here in the East are something to behold.

Cordially,

James M. Rogers

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Dear Chet:

I ran across a thing the other day which I feel supports the position I have on this pacifism notion of Betsy's. Incidentally, it's pretty strong around here in places, too. And it goes something like this: Cicero said, "A law passed contrary to the law of nature is void." Now I expand that to mean this as well: any attempt toward establishing a philosophy contrary to what we just naturally are going to do is a waste of time. When you try to make complete pacifism a rule of life, at the same time knowing that the involuntary action will not permit it, I think that it's a philosophy that's doomed to failure. I think that in the evolution of things, that one will die because of its inability to live and would be just as silly as passing a law against the law of gravity or of the group of guys who got together attempting to pass a law making pi simply 3 instead of 3.1416. I was very much pleased with this statement of Cicero's when I read it because it seemed to be in such complete harmony with the way I feel about things. I'm sure that the philosophy of freedom must at all times be completely consistent with what we are going to do, which is one of the reasons that I enjoy looking back into the history of man and finding positive evidence that there has been a definite trend away from collectivism, which was the rule of the day in the Stone Age, toward individualism even to the degree of at which we now enjoy. So much for that.

J. M. R.

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