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Paris, VII

November 5th, 1928

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Your silence makes us very anxious about you for the reasons you know. A little telegram to say that you are well would be a great relief to our mind.

Love is the law, love under will.

Yours fraternally,

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Gerald Yorke, Esq.,
9, Mansfield Street,
London, England

P.S.

* I have reliable information that Ogden will be of use directly if he will be personally interested.

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Copy for Gerald Yorke

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Paris, VI^e

November 5, 1928

Dear Mr. Ogden:

Evans showed me a letter from you, the postscript of which contained somewhat astonishing information. I don't know what Mr. Hunt meant by "waiting a more fortunate conjuncture" but it is no business of his. What we want is to get a definite contract of some kind with someone, which will ensure the publication of this book on "Magick" without the loss of a single unnecessary minute.

I want an answer from you at the earliest possible moment, as otherwise I will have to get the book printed privately, and that will involve lots of bother. The latest date of publication is the day of the Spring Equinox next year, and in view of certain facts of a magical character, with which I need not bother you, I think it would be perfectly foolish to delay sending it to press beyond the end of this month.

I shall consider it a great favour if you would write to me direct by return post and let me know the general prospects.

Sincerely yours,

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are concerned. I am still convinced of her essential
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I believe that when I was away during the War, there was some question about the balance of a bill for warehousing charges -- I really do not know what.

The financial account is being prepared and you should receive it within a few days.

I cannot say that anything looks particularly hopeful just at present. I am very annoyed when things go wrong through other people's stupidity. It reminds me so much of my own.

Love is the law, love under will.

Yours fraternally,

666.

P.S. Has Pyke come back. In the peculiar circumstances I am not sure that it would not be best to ask him to go ahead and get what he can on a friendly basis.

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Paris, VII

November 7th, 1928

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Law.

Thanks for toothpaste and Abramelin oil; also
letter to Mrs. Walker. I think it should be sent to Mrs.
Walker, anyhow. It is a very good letter; and you never
know.

It is not worth my writing you about Kasimira,
as the situation is still too complicated. I am still in
hopes of arriving at a compromise. It seems to me obviously
a mistake to have given Ogden a chance of saying that he
would wait until the band-wagon passed. Simply tell him that
it is a good proposition anyway, and that if he waits for us
to be successful in other lines, he won't get the same kind
of a contract. It is a case where an ounce of pluck is worth
a ton of luck.

You don't need to be afraid of my falling out
with Hunt.

(The tone of Ogden's reference to Hunt was - if
not discourteous -- at least bordering on the disdainful. One
of the things that you should keep in mind is the ultra-aristo-
cratic attitude of people who are engaged in literature. For
the most part, in particular, ^{they} look upon journalists very much
as your mother would look upon a street walker.)
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the Law.

I have just heard from Germer about the
proposed life insurance policy. I don't know anything a-
bout this kind of business, but I should like to know if
you are willing to do it.

Without any reason in particular, I am
still quite hopeful about Kasimira. I think the basis
of my optimism is simply that her little stay in the
country appears to have calmed her nerves, and when she
is normal she is perfectly delightful. I have never falt-
ered in my personal opinion about her goodwill and good
faith. On a great many of the subjects of disagreement
she has been right. The real errors have been her in-
sistence upon trivialities. One is right, for example,
to pick up one's hat which has blown off, but one cannot
do it in the middle of a bayonet charge. But I am
quite sure that all these little fusses were dictated
by a genuine concern in my welfare and we ^{all} ~~will~~ have to
admit that, generally speaking, she did very good work and
helped enormously in the reconstruction. I could tell
you various incidents which prove astounding devotion.

If you agree to Cora's proposal, I hope

you will cable her that you will arrange the matter. We do need a thousand dollars ^{at once} ~~very badly~~ to carry on. I want to get that book to the printers in case Ogden does not accept it. There is a fortune in it; once it comes out our whole situation is made. I regard it as more important than the Memoirs.

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Very glad to get yours of the 9th. I believe everything will be all right now that the eclipse is over. It was squaring my Herschel and my Saturn, and really rather knocked me out of time. I had disturbed nights and bad dreams. All this month Saturn is going to trine of my Herschel and sextile of my Sun and Saturn, and this ought to make for very great success. The only trouble is that Jupiter is still hanging about in opposition to his radical position in my horoscope, and I am afraid this is going on for some time, as he is retrograde and will pass over the bad spot some time next year.

I quite understand the position about Miss Eaton. In view of our respective ages, it is you who should take out the policy. I think her terms are perfectly fair and even generous. She is doing this as a friend and we ought to see to it that she has nothing to regret.

The immediate crisis is rather irritating. I am cabling Germer this morning to try and send \$100 weekly pending the arrangements. A cable from you saying that you agree to the terms and requesting this remittance to be

made might turn the scale.

We are all right for this week, but next week several rather heavy payments have to be made. We need thirty or forty pounds more than we are likely to have.

I think it quite possible that those stocks in New York have already gone up on Hoover's election and his speech about South America.

I am very glad you take the view you do about the legal proceedings. I have always thought that, but I had to write as I did on non-business grounds. The matter is in the hands of the Gods; we must await the event.

By the way I don't think that K's share of the expenses comes to much more than that \$1,000, though of course I can't give the exact figures, and if so we have lost nothing provided we can get that bill paid. I am going to see what I can do about it.

Hunt interrupted this letter by ringing up, and said that he had heard from you about Miss Eaton. Are you quite sure it is wise to tell him all our business? I think Hunt is a good man, but I am quite sure that he has to be made to toe the line all the time. In two months he has seen one man, Stapley, and introduced me to two people, one of whom is perfectly useless from any point of view. I don't think that is a whole lot to have got for ³⁵40 pounds. Nothing but success would justify him. His idea seems to be to have as many irons in the fire as possible, and to give the minimum of time to each. It is of course quite ^{an} absurd policy,

and explains his non-success. Of course you must use your own judgment, but you are handling the business end of things, and I doubt whether it would do any harm if you made it quite clear to him that there would be nothing doing on December 1st unless his results to date justified it. His general tendency is to put first any piece of work which is liable to bring him in immediate cash, whereas our reason for giving him this salary was that he should not be obliged to do this. He claims that his total expenditure is in the neighbourhood of ~~20~~ pounds per month, and he was therefore to devote all necessary time to pushing our business. If he regards this salary as a mere retaining fee and just throws out a little ground bait here and there in the hope of getting fat commissions, I don't think it is good enough. The trouble with the man is that he cannot understand any genuine feeling. He thinks that everybody is an opportunist and materialist. It is the point of view of Walpole, who was not, I understand, our greatest or most successful statesman.

A financial statement of sorts should be ready sometime during the week. It is going to be very complicated, but it will clear the way for simpler dealing in the future.

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Things appear to be a little brighter in
New York. You should in fact get some welcome news
by next Thursday. I have no doubt that I can keep
afloat till then.

I think prospects here are very good.
Stapley was to have telephoned last night but did not
do so. Probably he will tonight. We should hear from
Ogden too at the end of the week, and I am inclined to
think that in view of my present aspects we might easi-
ly score a double event. There are good hopes of get-
ting one of Hunt's people interested. A certain num-
ber of miracles of a very obscure character have occur-
red. I can't at present foresee the issue.

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Am 23/11/28

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My Greek dictionary has come from Leipzig, so I shall be able to go on with the Pythagoras. *(translation of the golden letters. Never completed)*

I think your letter to Hunt was a very good one. He was considerably depressed by Stapley's failure to get the Memoirs across. My impression is that the price would have been in the neighborhood of a couple of thousand pounds, so that he and Stapley would have had about sixteen hundred pounds to divide. I did not protest, because the victory would have been invaluable; but I think that in settling future terms you should mistrust blind contracts.

When Hunt was in London, he did not use my letters of introduction, which would have been in accordance with the general scheme. He spent all his time in running around newspaper men and playing his own game. I am sure he has got to be made to understand that we are not philanthropists to that extent.

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(I don't know how this affects, possibly the child - Askank)
Your fiancée is coming up to spend a few days with me on Tuesday, as her birthday is on the 26th. Is there any chance of your running over for the weekend? I think it would be a pretty good plan to have a conference with Hunt.

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I shall have further (and probably final) news about Kasimira tomorrow morning.

The thing I really lack is that Abramelin incense. I don't see why the package should not be mailed. I don't think there can be any duty on it, if it is declared as incense for religious purposes.

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whole secret. My time being limited, I just had the manu-
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have never been able to see them since.

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Who is old Stalleybrass? Is he a director of Kegan Paul or something? I don't know if you have missed a letter of mine about the probable price of the serial rights in England.

In your final paragraph, which breathes the fragrance of exquisite pessimism, you probably mean "you and Regardie" when you say "you and Germer."

I used to feel like that myself. But years of really remarkable punctuality on the part of the Gods make me feel exactly like J. P. Morgan on his brighter days. Why the devil can't you take the same point of view as you did about the possible hunting accident? The cases are entirely parallel.

I am making a stab at going on with the Pythagoras. In fact I am quite enthusiastic about it. But I really need a Skeat's Etymological Dictionary. Mine was destroyed by the Custom's authorities on account of its gross obscenity. If you happen to have one, I should like to borrow it. If not, you might look out for a second hand copy.

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P.S. Our symbol for dealing with Mrs. Freeman is now "48 - the Well" -- which appears to indicate we should have a very carefully prepared clean plan. I think it is very possible to interest her, but you are certainly the person to do it. bb

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November 22nd, 1928

Care Frater:

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the
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This is to confirm my telegram:-

"Eighty pounds but transfer whole amount other
obligations imperative. Letter follows."

I assume that you wrote your telegram before having received Regardie's note about the financial statement. I think it would be quite useless to try to make explanations before your visit of December 3rd. The situation is much more hopeful than either you or I suppose. It is not easy to explain why, as a man whom I telephoned was not in, and I can't reach him before tomorrow morning, and I have to send off this letter at once. But I stick to my psychology.

Perhaps I ought to mention that the capital account is perfectly straight forward and clear. In fact upon general principles the capital account owes my private account a whole lot of money.

The situation cannot be elucidated until you and I sign this contract as between Borrower and Trustee.

I don't know if you have any letters from Cora, but the remaining \$3,000 ought to be here within a

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few weeks, and I personally very much doubt whether we shall need any further capital; but that is no reason for not trying to get some.

The immediate urgency refers to rent, about 3,000 francs, and cash to carry on at least until your arrival.

At the same time I think it is important to support general credit at the bank and so on.

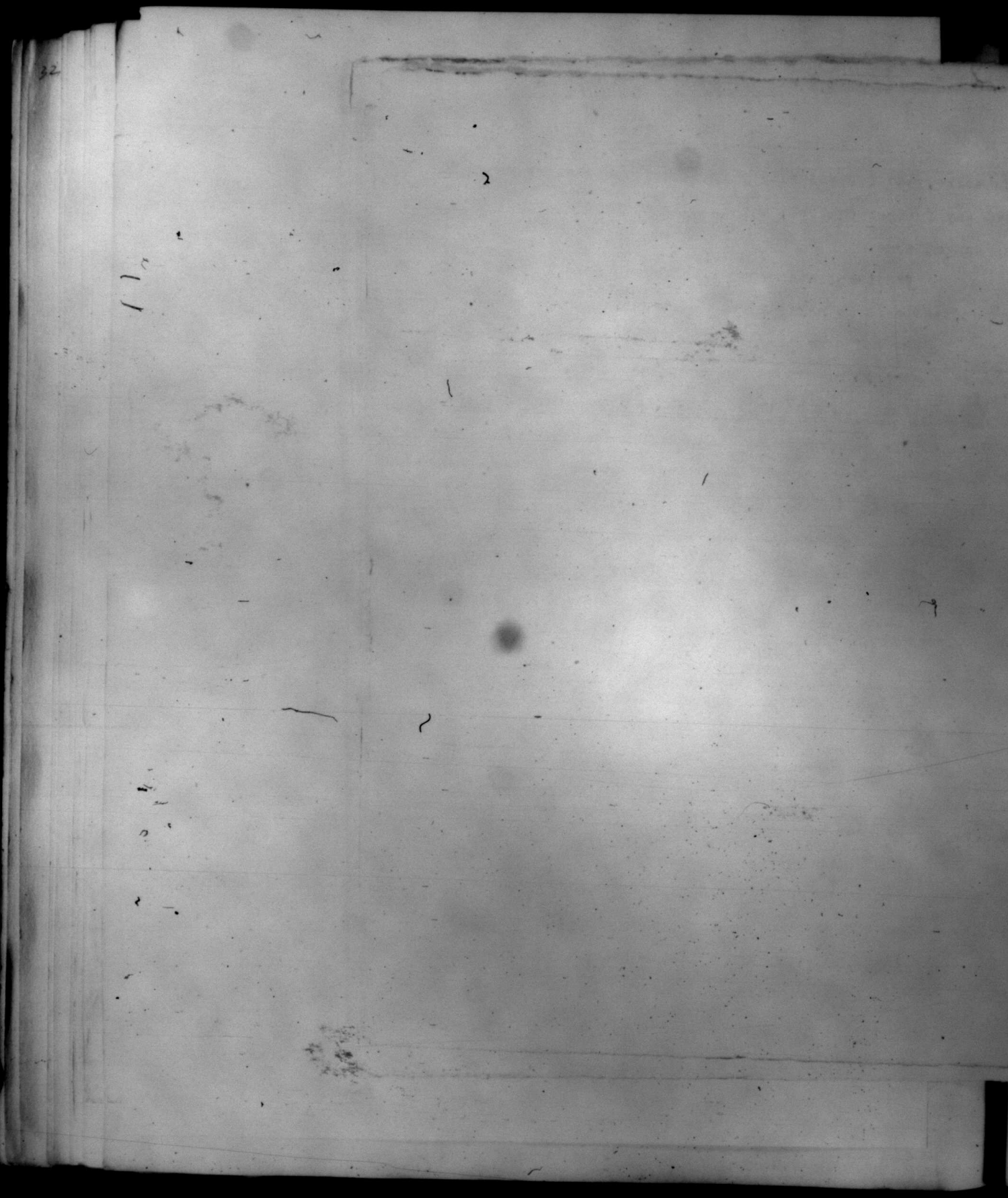
Kasimira's defection left us unexpectedly without funds. What I did was to arrange to pay the tailor in full on the 27th of November with a check for 10,000 francs, and on receipt of the balance 2,400 in cash. That enabled us to live for a fortnight; and (as Mrs. Moses voluntarily compared my financial status with the Bank of France) there is no real trouble about the rent, But it is much better to pay the rent on Saturday than, say, a week later. Otherwise she will probably change her bank; in the matter of comparisons.

I hope you will not think me a perfectly gaga; but I have not at all lost hope with regard to Kasimira. The whole question has been one of misunderstanding ^{in her part} and tactlessness, ^{in mine} complicated with these worries of hers which have deranged her nervous system. It is perfectly stupid to forget that her whole action was spontaneous, and the logical sequence of a number of other actions ^{which} displayed the noblest characteristics - much nobler than the three characteristics of Buddhism! She was simply put off by quite natural worry. She had not the patience required to take her through the last ^{will} ordeal. But if you think she acted in the way that you pre-

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sume she ^{will,} ~~acted~~ she would simply be the most heartless fiend that ever lived; and she is nothing of the sort, and it is ridiculous to pretend she is.

The above eloquent discourse is intended to indicate to you that negotiations are still pending. There is not point in their being pending if she simply intends to cut the painter. (This expression is a nautical and not an aesthetic metaphor).

The real problem is Hunt. He is so badly poisoned by his newspaper experience that one cannot drive it into his German skull that I am straight. His idea of introducing me to someone is that I should carry out some comedy with a sinister expression and mysterious gestures! Here am I trying to change the whole course of the world's history, (and succeeding pretty bloody well, whatever you may think), and he wants me to play a trick that might be all very well for one of the innumerable chiefs of the Rosicrucian Order whom I have known. As the French eloquently say, and as their dictionaries now admit is proper to say, "merde;"-- and the English ~~for~~ that is ~~merde~~ - consult the Dictionary!

Love is the law, love under will.

Yours fraternally

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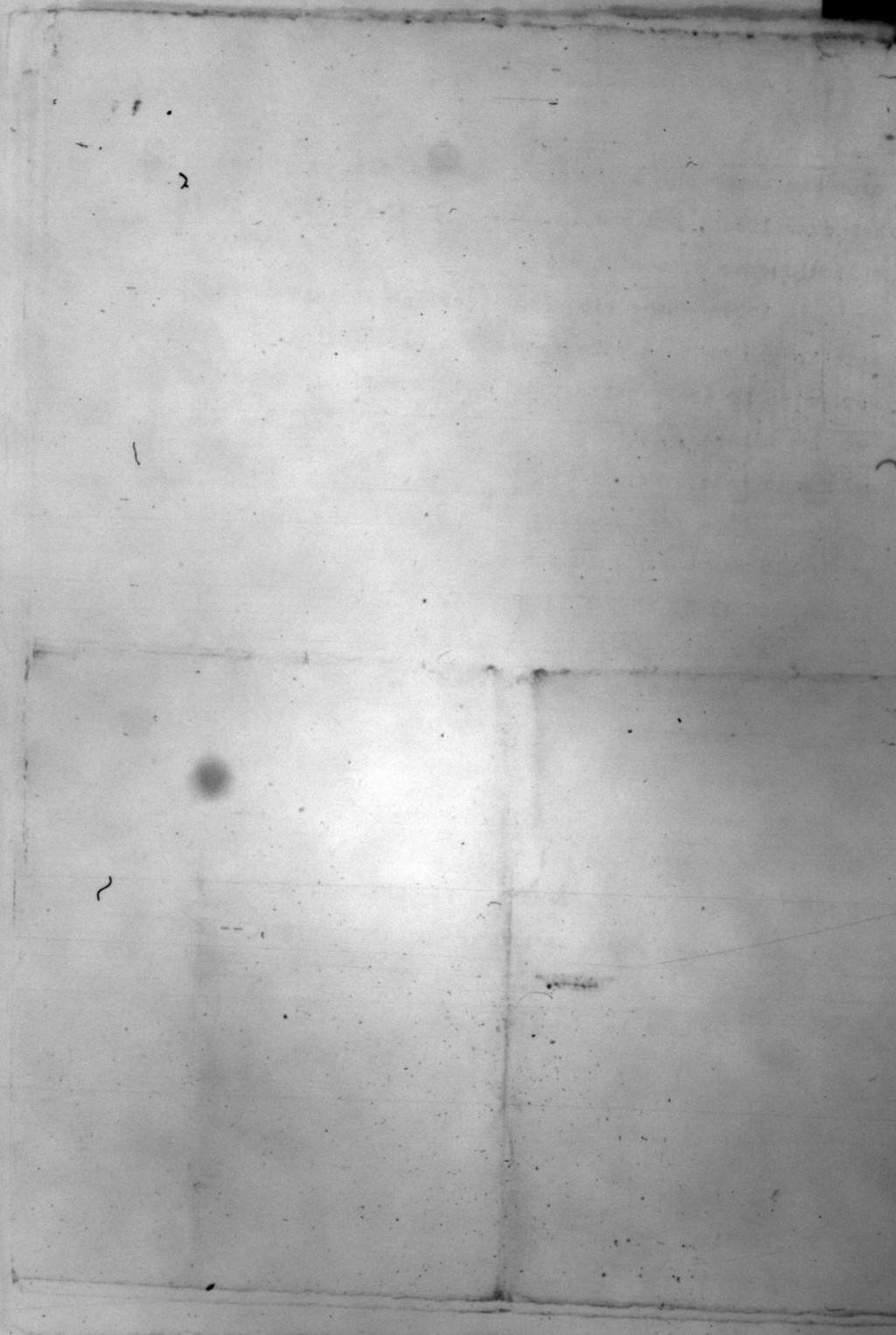
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35 Avenue de Suffren,

Paris, VII

November 26th, 1928

Care Frater:

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.

I must preface my letter by saying that yours of the 23rd seems to have been written in a rather nervous state. (Hunt has just been in, and spontaneously volunteered the same opinion.) I want to say, to begin with, that I cannot help thinking that it was a very great mistake to tell Hunt that the ~~£~~200 had come in. I do not mean that the matter is in itself important, but on general principles Hunt is our paid employee and has no right to know anything about our headquarters plans.

The cheque for ~~£~~90 is, as I thought you would have known, quite useless. The way things are run in this country, it might with luck be cashed in four days, but it is just as likely to take ten.

The situation is briefly as follows. (I have already told you about the ~~cheque~~ for the tailor.) On receipt of your telegram on Thursday I wired you, and proceeded to draw ~~cheques~~ payable on Tuesday morning for the rent, and ^{some} other small items. With my last week's salary and also my present week's salary, The total is about one hundred and forty pounds. These cheques will be presented tomorrow at the bank, and I think ~~it~~ the best course is for you to have your bank telephone to the Bankers Trust Co. to honour my cheques.

Germer, by the way, writes that Cora is sending the other \$3,000.00 so that there is no cause for financial anxiety for months to come, even if nothing else turns up, provided that you trust me

to use the money properly. Please understand that we have been thrown into this calamity entirely through Kasimira's defection. (But I don't regard this matter as hopeless. I have just had a telephone call which sounds promising, and I shall know more this afternoon.)

You do not understand about this question of accounts. Writing you would seem to be almost useless. There are so many points. But I will give you an example of the sort of thing. I have to pay for household expenses out of my salary. Now sometimes I give Regardie the money to pay the concierge. Sometimes I buy the things down town myself out of my own pocket. Etc.

However, all this sort of thing is of no importance whatever, in reality. It simply makes it difficult to keep track of items. You will understand perfectly well when Regardie explains face to face. It is quite possible to show you exactly how much money is spent weekly. It is the accounts between ourselves here that are complicated.

Do tell me who is "old Stalleybrass!"

Do number the sheets of your letters!

You next club me by postponing your visit. I sent Aumont his fare to come and see you on Saturday next. He can't alter the date of his visit; as it is very difficult for him as a soldier to come at all. There is also the question of seeing a lawyer with regard to Kasimira; and I do hope you can come in time for that banquet on Friday night. Please telegraph me that you can. With you there to buck up my shyness, I can make more useful acquaintances than Hunt would get in forty four thousand years.

About the publishing, I wish to impress it on you once again that the public is there, and merely needs to be advised that

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they can obtain my works. That is the solution of the whole problem in case it is impossible to persuade a publisher on this point. But I think it ought to be. It might be no objection to guarantee Kegan Paul to the extent of £200. But we can discuss this when you come.

Generally speaking, the publisher's opinion as to what the public wants is pure nonsense. The history of any really great success in publishing confirms this. Publishers are so stupid that even when, by some accident, they have hit a first-class success against their best judgment, they go to the author and say "Now please write us another exactly like the last."

When you say it will take a minimum of five years to check my system, which is not mine at all but the traditional system expounded in the light of modern scientific thought, you probably mean five incarnations. You do not know; you cannot know; you cannot even imagine the constituents of the public. The people who will buy this book ~~xxxxxxx~~ ^{perhaps} at the cost of months of saving, are ^{very often} in all essentials the same public who think I am a cannibal. They will value the book very largely because they don't and can't understand it. ~~and~~ This is a great pity; but it is a fact, and from a business point of view it is a favorable fact.

I think it was a great mistake for you to put off Hunt from using my letters of introduction. I was not proposing that he should go to these people to raise money, or even a meal. It was all part of an elaborate scheme in my mind; and I don't know what curse I have involuntarily incurred, but I find that the people with whom I am trying to work cannot follow the workings of my mind, and they always manage to mess up my plans in some perfectly stupid way. I want you to realize that my mind is one which can formulate combinations in chess. Now

suppose that I wish to explain to you why I make some move on the board. It would take me not merely hours to do it, but, in order that you should ever be able to understand it, it would require months of severe study on your part. "God moves in ^amysterious ways His wonders to perform."

About the Abramelin incense. I had the idea that Hunt left a box of it on your desk when he left London.

About Aumont. It is better for us to see him personally. Before we advance him any money beyond the railway fare which I sent him, he has got to give us guarantees of his good faith by giving us an order to collect his manuscripts from his house in Tunis. We must have these in our hands before we do anything. I don't know how much he is bluffing, but we have got to call the bluff. *Your letter to him puts the whole game in his hands!*

I did not mean that I was waiting for six secretaries to make a start. I meant that, had I six secretaries, I could employ them all usefully. I am working like hell to get things done, and I am perfectly furious that I have to waste today and tomorrow (which I had mapped out for all sorts of things) in trying to rectify the confusion caused by your failure to telegraph the £200 as soon as you received my telegram sent last Thursday. The whole idea of this salary, and so on, is to enable me to work in tranquillity for a number of months, and if I cannot do this there is no chance of success. I should have thought this was obvious. I give you a precise example.

I have a business appointment with a man down town this afternoon. If I succeed in getting him to see my point of view, it means thousands of dollars in the fund. Instead of this going properly, I have to do various things which are technically illegal, and might conceivably get me into serious trouble in order to be able

to get down town in proper condition. There are other matters almost equally as pressing which have had to be put off. Incidentally, I have to write to all these people who were very charmingly accepted these post-dated cheques to explain. All this takes time, and causes intense worry.

I welcome you with enthusiasm to the mysteries of the Square and the Compasses. I hope you did not mind the little ordeal, and I thank you for passing it on!

I will explain this mysterious remark when you arrive.

Astarte sends you her love. She is having a hell of a birthday.

Love is the law, love under will.

Yours fraternally,

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Dec 9

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Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.

This is just to remind you that it is extremely urgent, indeed imperative, that I receive £50 within 3 days of December 9th; also \$3,000.00 before the end of the year.

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55 Avenue de Suffren,
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November 28th, 1928

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Your letter of the 26th enclosing Miss Eaton's, which I am returning herewith. It appears that we may have to wait indefinitely for this \$3,000.00 from New York, but I am still of the opinion that arrangements can be made in the other direction. An interview has been arranged for Friday morning.

Your feeling about Miss Eaton is perfectly sound. At the same time I don't think there is any reason to make fancy pictures of her in the workhouse. Her brother (as I understand) has nobody but her to leave his money to. And he has a lot of it; in fact all that remains of his fortune after having been operated for cancer a month or two ago.

Thanks ^{about} for the Skeat.

I want incense by the truckload, but I already have enough oil for at least a year. Oil is wanted but rarely -- A drop to consecrate a given object -- whereas incense can be burnt at the rate of something like a quarter of a pound per day if one is getting materializations. This in fact is just about what we are getting! The phenomena that have taken place in this apartment, since the High Priestess of Vodoo ^(Harriman Bass) displaced the woman from Samaria, would be quite interesting to the Psychological Research Society, if any of them are not in a state of coma.

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Yours of the 27th. I have arranged with the tailor not to present the check until your £90 comes through from London. He was not in a hurry. He was very decent about it in every way. The trouble was that he actually needs the money by the end of the month. He has arranged to call at the bank on Thursday afternoon at 3:55. If there is any doubt about the check returning from London by that time, you might ask your bank to telephone or telegraph to the Bankers Trust that your check is good.

I must say that I find the Bankers Trust very unaccommodating about matters of this sort. They have had checks and transfer from you for quite large amounts for months continuously, but they won't make the slightest elasticity. I suppose, however, a rule is a rule.

About the £10 per week allowance, you have to realize that it is also £5 per week for secretarial expenses, and we shall have to arrange for that amount to be transferred.

We are, just at present, in doubt as to whether to go into a studio. We can get a real big place, where all the pictures could be stored, for about half the price of this apartment, but it would involve a certain capital expenditure with regard to furniture. I am now going into the question of what the minimum cost of furnishing a studio, as I contemplate, would be. I will let you know further details in a day or two. I am at present forming a careful plan.

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I am extremely glad that the head of Kegan Paul is a Jew. There may be a chance of getting some sense out of him. Jews, at least, have some business sense of the imaginative kind. The man should be fed with all the newspaper cuttings about me being a cannibal. It is just the sort of thing that would strike him ^{as a chance} for the exhibition of his talents.

There is only one policy from the business point of view which is worth bothering about at all. And that is to treat me as Jesus Christ, - the much wronged man, the Saviour of the World in disguise. Telegraph the Pope if you don't believe me. Quantum nobis ^{hanc} prodes ~~ex~~ fabula Christi!

I have written to Aumont to postpone his visit, if he is able, till the time of your arrival. If he cannot, he will come Saturday, and I will make the best arrangements that I can with him. A contract demanding personal service is ^{always} quite absurd. The man can always allege illness, or having bought a yoke of oxen etc., for failing to fulfill his contract. What we have got to get is a lien on the work ^{actually} accomplished, by having it actually in our possession, and having the right to sell it for our own benefit in case of his failure to comply with our terms. It would be no use claiming a repayment of the loan when the man could not pay anyhow, and the money if we got it would not be of the slightest use. What we want is the man's

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I will expect you, then, on the morning of Friday, December 7th.

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P.S. All's well that ends well - ^{as} ~~or so~~ ^{said} the girl when she saw the chancre ^{the man's} on a penis.

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Love is the law, love under will.

Yours fraternally,

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P.S. All's well that ends well - ~~or so said~~ ^{as said} the girl when she saw the chancre ^{he made} on a penis.

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