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LOUIS M. HAMMERSCHMIDT

Dear William:

I am indeed surprised to note that this minister has gone to such an extent in writing you and in suggesting a form of letter to be given out with Books to a few especially selected individuals that he spoke of as being specially qualified to study deeply a subject of this kind.

I certainly thought I had made clear to Judge Hammerschmidt that the information that I passed on to him, when it was given so freely to me by your mother back in 1927 or 1928 or thereabouts (not 1934 as Rev. Sprunger indicates) was not to be broadcast, but now that I had already told him of our experience years ago, there was no way of taking the information away from him. Of course in later years we discontinued entirely making any notes or giving out details. *(to Judge H)*

It never ~~had~~ been clear to me as to why we should be quite so reticent, as I know it is your desire to be in connection with the matter, but since that is the policy, I have at once written the minister not to distribute any of these proposed statements of his until he has had an opportunity to have the policy clearly explained to him by you, and to Judge Hammerschmidt, too, when you meet them for lunch on Monday, November 5.

All this information he has is, of course, as I think you will recognize, just what your mother told me in those early years, and which I passed on to two or three of my friends who were then much interested, but two of them have since died, thus Hammerschmidt is the only one left who has in mind thereports that I gave him, and which were given to me without any restrictions by your mother.

Sincerely yours,

W. F. Harrah

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Rev. M. J. Sprunger
Grace Evangelical and Reformed Church
307 North Plymouth St.
Culver, Indiana

Dear Mr. Sprunger:

Thank you for yours of the 24th, and the report of your own experience and progress of your thought is indeed most impressive.

There is a point, however, that I am sorry was not made more clear at any time, and that is with reference to the last page of your introduction statement. I know that it is very definitely not the policy or the purpose of those who have given so much of their time and attention to the production of this book to give out in a general way personal or detailed information. Your second and third paragraphs of this last page give too much detail, not in my opinion, but I think it would be so in Mr. Sadler's. However, that can be determined when you talk with him, and I earnestly suggest that you do not distribute more of these information sheets until after you have talked with Mr. Sadler.

In short, the point is that they have strictly avoided personal connection with the production of the book, as you know the names of individuals do not appear anywhere.

I wish my health was more dependable, but the fact is I have made no business appointments in Chicago now for nearly three months, as I just feel that I am not well enough to undertake any trips that I can avoid. In fact, it isn't often that I feel as well as I did the day I saw you in South Bend. I have too much trouble with weak spells.

Sincerely yours,

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