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Mr. Alexander McKendrick,
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Boston, MASS.

My dear Mr. McKendrick,

Your letter, care of the Public, was forwarded on to me at Washington where I expected to be today and tomorrow, but as a result of events at the Atlantic City Conference, I did not go there and consequently am ignorant of its contents. In any event, however, I could not be with you towards the latter part of the week for it will then be imperative for me to be in Washington.

In view of these developments I doubt whether it will be possible for me to come to Boston and I have been told that there is no great necessity for my presence as the sentiment there is overwhelmingly against the Great Adventure. The only thing that would make me change my mind would be a meeting which you ^{may} have arranged for Luke North in which event I would like to be heard on the same occasion. Kindly inform me by return mail to above address whether such ^{is} in contemplation, and signify your assent to hear ~~xxxxx~~ our side of the story. In case the meeting has been arranged for Wednesday or Thursday evening, I may be

able to change my Baltimore engagement to accomodate you. In this event, you had better wire me and in any case I would like to have your answer by the first mail on Wednesday morning.

In case I come, I will have occasion to relate some very interesting, if not altogether pleasant, happenings which transpired at the Atlantic City convention. You will hear of them, in any event, through the press, but it might interest you more to get them at first hand viva voce.

I should regret exceedingly not meeting you on this visit of mine to the East, but both time and money is short and I must return to my work in California. However, if the above meeting is arranged for the pleasure of meeting you will largely compensate me for the unpleasant task in having to wash our dirty linen before you. Believe me it is through no fault of ours that we find ourselves under this painful necessity.

Most sincerely yours,

Charles James

P.S. I suppose you have seen the advertisement concerning the California situation in this week's Public.

C. J.