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Dear Charley:

Thanks for the copies of Murray Rothbard's article on the Single Tax. You are well advised not to give this paper wide publicity.

I was going to write a *raisonné* reply, but find that the pressure of duties does not give me the time. The paper does not, in fact, merit my making the time to compose a rejoinder. Mr. Rothbard displays unbelievable ignorance, not only on Henry George, but also as to elementary principles of economics.

To briefly touch on a few points: Rothbard's vain attempt to link George with Socialism can be refuted by consulting readily available sources. See especially the chapter, "George and Socialism" in G. R. Geiger's book "The Philosophy of Henry George." I enclose a brief excerpt from George's own writings on the subject.

Rothbard's recitation of the dreadful things that "would" happen under the Single Tax is screamingly funny. Have you noticed that he does not adduce a single fact to support his argument? All is fabrication. Even Georgists are not that bad!

A ten-week course at the Henry George School would straighten Murray Rothbard out. As a start on his education, I enclose a (non-Georgist) article, "What Gives Value to Land?"

Sincerely yours,

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