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Mr. Louis Nichols
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My dear Lou:

A lawyer by the name of Cameron L. Lillie of 668 South Bonnie Brae Street, Los Angeles, California, wrote letters as per the enclosed, making a serious and ill-founded charge against our client, Judith Anderson. We arranged for the network to communicate with Mr. Lillie and received a reply from Mr. Lillie indicating that his accusation was unfounded. I am enclosing a copy of the letter written by Mr. Lillie.

I am deeply concerned when people of repute spread such information. Obviously our public cannot detect the evil people in our midst, if people of repute make such ill-founded accusations. Of course, I realize how deeply the function of the FBI is disturbed by such behavior.

We have approached Mr. Lillie to find out the source of his information. I want you to know that a similar attack, equally unfounded, had been made against Celeste Holm, who is represented by Charles Tuttle. Miss Holm has also received from Mr. Lillie a letter confessing error.

ENCLOSURE

We have endeavored to get from Mr. Lillie the source of his material, going on the assumption that he did not manufacture it out of whole cloth. We have been unable to get such information from Mr. Lillie. We are loath to commence a suit because of the expense and time required by lawyers and client. But it is quite imperative not only for our client but for decency in our folkway that this type of blatant and, hence, obviously malicious invention of slander be tracked to its source. For your sake as well as ours, the source should be detected because there is a valid presumption that the originator of libel has not stopped with these two eminent members of the stage, and there is no assurance that the originator will not continue to put them and the networks and sponsors to trouble in the future.

I wonder if the FBI could with propriety try to locate the source, and then if you feel that you can give us no information,

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