

Monday

October 5, 1943

Dear Grote—

I've been meaning to write you for several weeks, but one thing and another have prevented my so doing. When your letter arrived I thought perhaps you were coming East in a short time. In any event, what are the possibilities in the near future?

The contents of your letter are most interesting, and you can be sure I will do anything I can in the way of undercover "gun shoe" work for you. However, aren't you jumping the gun just a little — to be salable this apparatus should be, I would think, portable or at best compact and mobile. Your present equipment is anything but that. I'm not being a wet blanket, but simply offering a practical query on its application.

With respect to assuring any benefits (monetary or professional) accruing to you instead of S-W- I suggest

you ascertain just what part of  
the idea is patentable. When ~~some~~ its  
practical value can be demonstrated, there  
will be time to take out a patent  
in view of liquidating such expense.

Meanwhile I will carry on  
with the gun sleeve. Devices of this  
nature (those which use electronic tubes  
& circuits) would come under the cog-  
nizance of the Radio Division of the  
BuShips. Therefore, in me you have  
a wide open back door. Just who  
should eventually be approached, the pro-  
cedure, expenses incident to such, and  
the probable action from that point,  
will take a while to determine. However,  
you won't be ready to talk for six-  
months anyway, and I can certainly  
do the trick in that period.

About the \$150.00 (those good stones)  
you lent me before the wedding. I  
haven't forgotten, and I'll be in a

position to liquidate it before the first of the year, I think. At least I'll be able to make a partial payment before then — hope you haven't been cramped for it. All the expenses incident to setting up housekeeping are terrific not to mention the goddam food bills which are worse. Therefore, I have a neat job of managing to do between now & Jan 1<sup>st</sup> '44 to cream off obligations — and this with a net income after war bonds of some \$388<sup>00</sup> per month.

I hope everything is going O.K. at home — a letter from Mother arrived today which indicates her attitude is about as usual.

My new job is a tough one and I've plenty of problems on my hands which keep me occupied. However, it is interesting

and will be to my credit when we  
leave the situation licked.

When I was home I told you  
I would arrange to contact men  
at Zenith & Galois for you.

I confess I haven't had the  
opportunity to get at it, but will  
do so within the next week or so.  
I am assuming that the status  
quo at S-W has not changed  
appreciably since last we talked.

Keep me informed & I'll  
write oftener - if not at such  
length.

All the best,

Shuyler