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Zion, Ill.  
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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The "budget" has been here a long time--Georges letter bearing date of August 16. So I am the principal "stick-up" at this time. But the reason does, I am sure, in some measure justify the end. The first part of the delay was because we were expecting every day some definite word--especially from Nell and Walter as to the reunion; and before that was finally worked out, the Cuban mail situation became so bad that it would have been utter folly to send it on to Jesse. I have therefore been watching the Cuban matters as closely as I can thru the Chicago press. It now seems that things are much more quiet there than a few weeks ago; but still far from settled; and with plenty of indications of still more serious things to come *any minute.*

I have been writing Jesse every few days for some weeks. Some of these letters have gone right thru in the usual four days; and some have taken much longer. Some he has answered, and some he has not; so I am by no means sure that all have reached him. I told him I was holding the letter here on account of the mails there; and so he wrote me the enclosed letter, and told me to enclose that and send it on to Walter, and leave him out till things are better. I have not been very prompt in doing this; as I know that he loves so much to get these letters; and right now he needs them more than ever; and I have been very loath to leave him out.

I have been also very apprehensive that a large letter like this would be far more liable to inspection and delay than ordinary ones; and I have not wanted our accumulated records broken by the loss of one complete round.

My thought this morning is this--to send the budget direct to Fan; and let her take out those that have been the rounds, write her addition, and send to Walter. Let Fan advise as to whether she thinks it should go on to Cuba now or not, and send on to Walter; and leave the final decision in his hands as to whether to send to Cuba, as I am sure that his judgement of Cuban affairs is more secure than mine; and I do not wish to take the final responsibility in the matter. I would also greatly appreciate it if Walter would write me a few words direct, and let me know what he has done about it.

Well our reunion did not amount to so much as far as numbers were concerned--and Nell is the only one who has had a reunion with us all. If she received as much real joy and satisfaction at each stop as we did in having her here; I wonder how she can hold it all.

Things are in such a boil everywhere all over the earth, that we wonder what will happen next. It seems to me more and more that with all its faults and follies, Zion is the most quiet spot on earth today. There is plenty of strife and contention going on here, too; but it is of a quiet submerged kind. Voliva forces are continually disintegrating; and other and better combinations are coming into effect. A recent report is to the effect that all of the Voliva commercial interests are being taken over by some Jews. I do not know if this true; but I am sure that things here are following a fixed prophetic line, and that regardless of all intervening incidents; it will all come out right in the end.

My work in the East is all off for the present owing to the strikes, NRA, etc.; and for the present I would have been much better off in several ways if I not undertaken it all.

I cannot write more now. Hope you will all keep the letter moving now that it is out again. Love and prayers,

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