

57 Petersham Road Feb. 23, '40.

Re partners. Most important never to divulge your business. They never understand. But I think all payments to G.W.C. should be credited to your O.T.O. interests esp. in California where both Smith and Mas S. have acquired properties, which will be very useful for your vieux jours (and mine, if I can ever get out there!) I want very much to go over and develop these. As soon as I can do so, I can put the O.T.O. really on its feet again; for my presence and personality and literary & dramatic connexions should enable me to conquer Hollywood. (I can't send photos of the properties because of the censor. But they look very promising.) ---

Newton has been away ill. I see him Monday, I hope. He has capitalists in Belgium. So if I can talk him into it, you might be able to explain your proposition to the man on the spot, and start immediately. ---

I'm in trouble here. My Trust Fund has got cold feet, so that I can't count on my weekly £2. I had to put your cheque through in consequence. Normally, though, I'm quite o.k. personally. But in order to push the Tarot I shall have to renew my wardrobe, at least one suit, and some underclothes. This will cost about £30. Then, of course, the printer. I shall probably have to be content with a one-page war poem for March 21. But please remember that even the smallest cheque makes all the difference between staying idle and dashing about to put business through.

P.S. Sorry if this letter seems gloomy. But I have been rather sick, and still don't feel too gay. I'm worried about the Tarot: we are so near to the end - and it's the biggest work of my whole life - that I can't help wondering if some 'tuile' isn't going to drop! I suppose that's liver too