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Dear Alan:

Many thanks for your letter of June 18. I am inclined to agree with you that we were chasing an illusory client in the Brussels World Fair, in spite of the Barrow's extremely sincere effort to put it through. What may have happened is that his power has been clipped. In any event, the decision to place the last program upon the hands of the Public Relations Committee does not jibe with his statement to me that it was necessary only to put it up to the Minister from whom he anticipated immediate approval. We may hear from them later on, but only time will tell.

I am fully in accord with your feeling that we should hold on to the title deeds of our association. I will be interested in seeing what suggestions come out of the Volmans-Hollander-Smith sub-committee, which I understand is to meet before too long a time.

Our own chief European problem at the moment is how to work out a service for the Chatter group, assuming they decide they want something worked out. Some of their managers are urging it, while others are lukewarm, so I do not know what the outcome will be -- but I will keep you advised in case anything comes up which in any way will change our status in Europe. In any event, I see nothing which would adversely affect our association group, with the possible exception of French.

I am delighted to hear your news that French has some prospects which seem to be looking up.

I also am glad to get your statement of the tobacco misunderstanding. I think you have summarized it superbly when you say that some of our friends are acting as if they were running the "British Treasury or the Foreign Office." I presume that when Mr. Field met your association -- with Volmans thrown into the bargain -- he finished back and reported on the suspected goings-on in great alarm. I have every reason to believe, however, that all is quiet on the Thames.

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