

Nov. 24, '41.

Your NLT came Nov. 20: replied on 21st. "Assuming punctuality 200 ample see # 552. -- I remembered how you starved the business to help this end, and thought to warn you not to do so again. There was, it is true, a real life or death crisis early Sept. or late Aug. Since your first cable Sept. 9 everything has gradually become easier both in fact and in terms of confidence. I shall fell entirely free if 200 arrives Dec. 1 and be able, putting all precautionary cares aside, to concentrate on the real job of establishing G.H.Q. It is hard to make even the vahuest plan: the road might be very roundabout ~~in more ways than one.~~ (E.g. if I could get an immediate job in Bermuda, it would solve the climate problem. I shall now be able to try a few possibilities.) --- The main point of my NLT (however) is that you, not I, are the axle of the wheel. Better for me to have things a little difficult again than to risk what you are building up. In any case I am liabaa to pegout; this would throw the whole responsibility for the Great Work upon you and Lady Harris. I am putting this in a new Will: as soon as your next 200 arrives, I shall get me a lawyer, and do it properly. Note that the O T.O. will prbbably have to be completely reconstructed. The temp

of the New Aeon seems unfavourable for Lodges, and the "Secrets" are unintelligible to anyone who has not made a long study of the system. At present there are really two sections; the rituals - up to Rose Croix; and the essays of instruction dealing with the one real secret. The ritual corresponding with these were never written, except the Templar. So I rather expect that it will be up to you to devise some totally new method of communicating the real secret. This has, of course, been the actual procedure: I have simply used my judgment and spilt the beans to ~~those~~ those whom I considered worthy. If the rituals, by some miracle, became widely worked, well. They are a splendid basis for the practical teaching. (Observe how the Oath of the "Magician" ritual has suddenly shot up into this "Antichristmas" card). And the entire system may become of great value as soon as the world realizes that there is no way except Thelema out of the international morass. The virtues must be the condition of Mastery: a romantic quasi-Feudal system without its dogmas and other fetters. At present nobody can afford to practice Truth, Honour, Justice, Chicalry and the like: the pretences are patent flim-flam. This is, as I have always held, our great asset: Thelema is the only possible answer to Communism. --

I shall send you the Card separately. --

There will have to be further investigations about my health. I am trying to arrange a consultation this week. Special plans may have to be made: if so, I shall NLT you.

I had meant to write at length about California; but I seem quite at sea myself! I cannot form any mental picture of the Smith outfit; if it were not for Jane being with them, I should feel as if they were not on the same planet at all! Yours ever with immensity of love,

P.S. The poisoned leg - it expresses itself as a carbuncle - is now healed. But it kept me in bed over 3 weeks, & left great exhaustion.