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My dear Bedell Smith,

This is to send you my heartiest congratulations on your new appointment, the news of which has given great pleasure to your many friends on this side.

While I am writing, here is a suggestion you might like to consider. One of my close friends here is W. J. Brown, the ex-M.P. for Rugby. He is a prominent figure in journalism, television and radio work, but more important, he has spent a great part of his life in Trade Union work, and has built up the big Civil Service Clerical Association to a strength of 150,000.

He knows Communism both as a political philosopher and from his practical experience of the Communist tactics of penetrating the Unions and other Collective Bodies.

W. J. Brown went to the States in 1941/42 at the request of the Ministry of Information here, and was a great success as a good-will ambassador. He could do a great deal by lecturing, writing and radio addresses to bring home to the general public, and particularly the Trade Unionists, what Communism means in practice. I think it would be a good idea if you would consider getting some organisation on your side to invite him over.

Ever Yours, Sincerely

Victor

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Alma Victoria
VICTOR*

P.S. Your book has created a profound impression over here, and we are looking forward to your new publications announced in the Press here recently.

I enclose you copy of the "Sunday Graphic" dated September 10th, in which you will find on Page 8 an article by W. J. Brown.

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1 Enclosure : Copy of "Sunday Graphic."

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Dear Victor:

Thanks sincerely for your thoughtful note of congratulations on my new appointment.

I appreciate your lead on Mr. W. J. Brown, but I am not in a position to do anything about bringing him over here at this time, as I am still in command of First Army and probably won't assume my new duties in Washington until late next month. I will keep him in mind for later, however, and should I learn of an organization that would be willing to sponsor the sort of tour which you suggest, I will be happy to recommend him to them.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

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