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NOVEMBER 28, 1954

DEAR MR. CREEKMORE:

I HAVE BEEN MULLING OVER THE INFORMATION IN YOUR LAST LETTER. MY STUDY IS IN SEVERAL PARTS WHICH ARE NOT NECESSARILY INTEGRATED. THAT IS, I WORKED ON THIS SUBJECT AT SEVERAL DIFFERENT TIMES, AND I HAVE A CHAPTER ON SOCIAL CREDIT, DOUGLAS, AND ORAGE. THIS INCLUDES A STUDY OF HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEW ENGLISH WEEKLY UNDER THE ALF VENISON PSEUDONYM. THEN I HAVE A SHORTER BIT ON GESELL'S INFLUENCE. I HAVE AN UNFINISHED JOB ON STUDYING EXACTLY HOW MUCH OF WHAT POUND IS ARGUING FOR WAS ACTUALLY ATTEMPTED OR ACCOMPLISHED BY MUSSOLINI. THE FACTS ON THIS ARE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN, AND I HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED BY THE PEOPLE -- FAVORABLE TO POUND -- WHO THINK HE READ INTO MUSSOLINI'S FINANCIAL POLICIES MUCH MORE OF POUND'S OWN ECONOMIC IDEALS THAN ACTUALLY GOT INTO FASCIST PRACTICE.

THINK I WOULD LIKE TO TRY PUTTING THE BASIC

PARTS OF THIS TOGETHER IN ONE ESSAY, ADDING, OF COURSE,

THE INFORMATION ABOUT HOW POUND'S IDEAS CONCERNING

USURY AND BANKS FITS. I THINK SOME SORT OF BASIC ADVICE

ON THE EXACT PLACES WHERE POUND REFERS TO THESE THEORIES

IN THE CANTOS MIGHT HELP. IN OTHER WORDS, THIS KIND OF

ESSAY SEEMS TO ME TO BE MOST USEFUL IF IT DOES SOME

ELEMENTARY EXPLAINING, BUT ALSO OPENS THE WAY FOR

FURTHER RESEARCH AND CRITICISM.

1 SHOULD LIKE TO HAVE A LITTLE TIME, THEREFORE,
BEFORE SENDING YOU A MANUSCRIPT. PART OF THE REASON
FOR THIS REQUEST IS THAT 1 AM JUST FINISHING A TEXTBOOK
FOR PRENTICE-HALL. I ALSO CONFESS THAT 1 HAVE BEEN
GOING THE WAY OF ALL POETIC FLESH, ABDING TRANSLATION
NUMBER 206 THOSE WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE OF DANTE'S
1NFERNO. BUT 1 WILL BE CLEAR BY CHRISTMAS AND COULD
WORK ON THE POUND ESSAY FROM THEN ON. I DO NOT MEAN
TO SUGGEST AN INDEFINITE DELAY-- MERELY A SHORT ONE.

CORDIALLY.

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