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*by*

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Dear Tom:

Many thanks for your letter of June 22.

I have read with interest the three issues of the WASHINGTON POST which you so kindly enclosed. I suppose during the war period invocation of the libel laws is suspended, but I imagine that once hostilities are over there will be a vigorous reaction on the part of some individuals who suffer by such malicious action.

In respect of the oil presses to which you refer, I imagine that under all the circumstances and in view of the unyielding British attitude, we should leave the matter in suspense. Later on there will come a time undoubtedly when the United States will be able to sell its products, at least in some areas, without prior British approval. In any event, J. L-D has made no reference to this matter over a period of months and as far as I know may have written it off as hopeless.

Your reference to Mr. Paul Winkler is interesting.

All the best to you.

Yours ever,

(Signed): ROBERT D. MURPHY.

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BRITISH EMBASSY  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

1st June, 1944.

Dear Tom,

I am afraid that the business about D's oil presses doesn't make any headway and that our position remains exactly the same as it was when we first discussed the matter, i.e. that the requirement for presses should be put forward in the usual way for inclusion in the 1945 programme. The application would then be treated on its merits, including the usual screening for essentiality. Incidentally, I gather from some telegrams I have seen that D's recent activities may, in fact, have absolved you from any obligations which you feel you may have had towards him. I think you will find that you have a report from Childs about D's recent illegal jaunt through Spanish Morocco en route to Europe. This episode would seem to provide a good answer to any complaints the gentleman may have to make. I hope in the circumstances that we can agree to let matters take their course on the lines we have already suggested.

With kind regards,

Yours ever,

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