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Mr. Fred L. Black
Ford Motor Company
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Dear Fred:

Confidentially and unofficially, I think this man McMurtrie is a louse. There was a time when he was afraid to return to New York because of things which happened there before he came to Chicago. Personally, I think he is a racketeer in publishing, who takes things that you do and other people do, making books of them, to which he attaches his own name. By association with enough things of this kind, he gets his name all over the pages of book catalogs. It is really quite nauseating.

However, I would find out exactly what kind of a proposition he proposes to make and then you can tell if there is anything in it for you. Be sure and have a written agreement with him, however.

Both William Wright and I appreciate your courtesy to him, and he enjoyed exceedingly his visit with you and at the plant.

Faithfully yours,

Bill

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