

April 17, 1941.

My dear Immer,

I am glad to have your letter and news as to what you are doing personally and politically in Minnesota. I have been hoping to visit the States this Summer; but it looks now very much as though I could not make it at all this year, owing to the provoking delays of our Passport Department in ~~granting~~ the necessary exit permit. Some of our Civil Servants, as perhaps you know, are experts in obstruction, and my application seems to have got lodged in a particularly sticky corner. It would be almost a miracle if I could get transportation so late as the date to which they are delaying me.

I am writing to Oliver & Boyd saying that I should like to give the permission you require for your new book. Do you intend to treat at all fully with the special problems arising in plant selection? The work of Hutchinson and Panse is very promising in this field.

I have heard nothing of late of my eldest son, George, whom you may remember, and who was in the Air Force. I think I must presume he is at the bottom of the Atlantic.

Yours sincerely,