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Dear Sam:

Here is the story on my efforts to date to try to find you some interested backers. My friend Walt Curley works for the John Hay Whitney Company, and he will inquire of the Communications Division concerning any possible interest in investing in your enterprise. Whitney, you know, owns the Trib, and a lot more. Forget the political orientation. You need backing, and Whitney's interests include the financing of new and promising ventures, such as yours.

I have also asked Miss Elisabeth B. Marlowe, who made it possible for me to meet Haviv, to see what she can do by way of bringing you together with an interested party, or parties. If you call Elisabeth at PLaza-3-4700 (National Board, YWCA on Lex at 51st), she may have some leads for you. Unfortunately, she is considerably rushed at the moment prior to her return to Nigeria, but call her anyway.

I have had an opportunity to read in full your speech to the Birch Society members, and it is an excellent job-- well worth the trip to Chicago. I regret that you rang in the names of our friends and then permitted Welch to let their names appear in print-- that was not cricket, Sam. I regard Thomas as a noble thinker second to none, and Bill Buckley is a terror in debate. But that's not the rub...the members of the Committee plus Bill and Brutus are friends first and foremost, yours and mine. I agree with you that the time is exactly five minutes to midnight on the survival clockface and that extraordinary measures are in order if we are to survive as a nation, but I can't agree with you that Thomas, for example, is not as fully aware of the nature of the beast as Bob Welch. But even if some of us are lacking in Welch's perspicacity, it is not fair to publicize the fact within the Society.

Let me know what you hear from Elisabeth, who is a very wise lady with many connections. If the Reds fail to make a beachhead in Nigeria, it will be Elisabeth's doing, you can bet on that.

As ever,

