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Dear John,

Two things have come up this week that I think I should write to you and "discuss" with you.

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First, Mary has to have a major operation next week. She asked her doctor to postpone it, but he said that it was not wise so she must go ahead with it. She thinks she can return to work in 3 weeks, but I doubt that as she is having a tumor removed from her womb, and possibly a complete hysterectomy. She has not been at all well for several weeks and I am a little worried about what the doctors may find. She will be in the hospital here.

Since Louise starts to work this week-end in Hazel's place, and Hazel has stopped only because she does not want to work on Sun., she will work for Mary until Mary can return to work. That takes care of the situation nicely.

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Second--yesterday the comptroller of the Fla. Chain of Theaters called me and wanted to audit your books!!! I immediately told him that you have ~~the~~ books relative to your business and he would have to contact you about that. He was most insistent and really "nosy". He kept asking me if I had any record here of your sales for the past years, and of course I told him that I did not as I did not intend to let him see any records without your permission. He did not know that Hazel had told me that he and Mr. Seltzer went to the Museum and told her to let them see the record book there at the Museum. Of course that is a record from Jan. 1st only. He kept asking me if I did not keep a record of any sort and I told him that I keep a personal record of what I do, but it is not open to the public. THEN he wanted to know what I did with the money I put in the bank??? How he knew I deposit for you, I don't know. I told him, I put the money in the bank for you and sent you the deposit slip along with the daily reports. Then he wanted to know who bought the tickets for the Museum, who set the price for tickets, and who keeps the record of your business at the Museum; I told him that you did, of course, and that any information about your business would have to come from you.

Next, he wanted to know just what my connection with the Museum is and I told him that I see to the operation, such as having the girls there, being sure supplies are there, and generally keeping check of the operation of the Museum. Then he said, "Oh, then you are in reality a director of personnel!"

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Anyway, you will hear ~~from~~ ^{from} him as he asked for your address. He also wanted to know how many years back your records would go and again I told him that he would have to ask you. I was very courteous to him, but I just did not know anything. I feel that it is your right to give out facts and figures of your business and I am not ever going to release any figures unless you tell me to do that.

Later I called Mr. Seltzer, and he said that it is in their lease

that they may audit all books at the Springs and that they are auditing all concession books now. Actually, you know I don't have complete records of your business, but I was not going to release even the figures which I have until you tell me to do that. SO I was very "sweetly dumb" and didn't know anything. I did tell him that you withheld Federal Income tax and Social Security tax as you are supposed to do. He seemed more concerned with the actual sales for each year and I told him that Mr. Seltzer had a record of your sales each month and he could get that from Mr. Seltzer. As you know, I have the record of last year's sales, but he does not know that. If you wish me to release any figures, write me, and also tell me what your policy is about that, please.

The signs for the beetle fence came ^{last week} and Mr. Gothberg is looking after them. I saw her yesterday and she said that some little piece was missing and Mr. G. would write you about that.

I must stop and go to work. Please excuse all these typing errors. I don't type well, and I am rushing to get this in the morning mail.

Sincerely,

Maryette

Oh, yes, he asked me if he might look at the book at the Museum and I told him that since he had already seen it (Hazel told me) he might see it. Of course that actually doesn't matter, but I still think all information about any of your business should come from you. We do show the book to any gov. inspector checking to see that the girls are paying income tax after the inspector identifies himself.