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Dear Mr. Siddall:

Yes, I have seen Gunton's article in the February number. It did not strike me as very heavy artillery. What did you think? I shall lay for him, along with my friend Montague, but I am going to follow the tactics of my distinguished friend Mr. J. D. R. and not shoot till I have plenty of ammunition! I have understood for years that Gunton was in the pay of the Standard Oil Company, - certainly his magazine has all the earmarks of a subsidized organ, and has had for years. It would be rather hard to prove it, however. I have been told that he has a son in Chicago in the employ of the Standard, but have been unable to verify that. Some day when I get time I am going to run through the files of Gunton's Magazine and make a study of his defense of them. I think that he and Montague together might furnish me a very entertaining subject!

Thank you for looking up this Frank Rockefeller matter. Probably this is all that there is to it. It does not support very well the sensational account of the case which he gave me. Do you think so?

Very sincerely yours,

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