July 20, 1936

Dear Mayor Hoan:

You remember that last May we had a little correspondence about letters said to have been passed between Lincoln and Karl Marx and to be in the New York Public Library. I never had heard of such letters but I wrote the Library if it was true that they possessed them. Here is what the Chief of the Reference Department, Mr. K. D. Metcalf tells me:-

"We do not understand the statement of Daniel Hoan, the mayor of Milwaukee, which you quote in your letter. We suppose he must refer to the Sorge correspondence which is listed in our catalogue as follows:

Sorge, Friedrich Adolph
Letters to Friedrich Adolph Sorge and others from Friedrich Engels, Karl Marx, Johann Philipp Becker, Joseph Dietzgen, and others, 1867-1895.

Letters from Sorge to the New York Public Library, 1898-1906

In all about 275 pieces.

Most of these letters have been published in: "Briefe und Auszuge aus Briefen von Joh. Phil. Becker, Jos. Dietzgen, Friedrich Engels, Karl Marx u. a. an F. A. Sorge und Andere." 1906 Stuttgart."

Of course this does not prove that there may not be somewhere Lincoln-Marx letters, though I very much doubt it. If you get any authoritative information on the matter I should be very grateful, dear Mr. Hoan, if you will pass it on to me.

Very sincerely yours

Mr. Daniel W. Hoan
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Would

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Letter from Mayor Horan saying that he is asking you to send Miss T. a copy of the ~~Ward map~~ letter ~~to~~ sent ~~Lincoln from the~~ by Labor Union Works Council to Lincoln and signed Karl Marx

Would it be possible to ~~ask~~ have the letter promptly

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