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CABLE ADDRESS HILANDERO

24 October 1924

Dear Ida:

What a joyful afternoon we had!
Ruth Breton has very definite talent as an
artist and rare quality as a woman.

Please get in touch with the
financial backers of S.S. and find out just
what the true state of affairs is. I am
convinced there is a nigger in the woodpile.
This constant delay in signing preliminary
contracts is shifty, it looks to me as though
someone were stalling for time.

In case the matter is not closed up
before November first, I must open negotia-
tions elsewhere.

Can you give me a tentative table
of contents or a brief outline showing some
of the nuggets which you have dug out of the
mine?

As I explained to you yesterday,
we never allow newspaper serialization of
material until the book market has been
exploited thoroughly. This was one of the
objections raised by S.S. to our contract
but I feel it is not the true reason for
delay. Mr Hiltman fears we are running a
grave risk in wasting time on S.S. and wishes
serial offered elsewhere as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Ida Tarbell

