

Valparaiso, 27th. October, 1939

Dear Mr. Simons:

Let me begin this letter by again thanking you for all the efforts you have exerted on my behalf.

I also thank you sincerely for your letter of 20th. Sept with enclosures.

Over here we think that you might look on my little works as something quite different from what are offered by your own people, and that you might for this reason be inclined to waive in my case, some of the conditions you exact from your local authors.

With regard to the Becker affair we think you might submit together the two first works I sent, seeing that they complement each other & constitute the complete biography of the criminal. We also fancy that it might be advisable to offer it to some magazine which publishes articles on varied subjects (The Saturday Evening Post for instance) as the detective story people seem to be too much immersed in torture.

I have re-read my manuscript and I imagine that it possesses all the elements the Country Press except the verification by the police in my case as the crime took place 30 years ago this is not easy. At the same time the certificate signed by the Editor of the South Pacific Mail should in my opinion be ample proof of the veracity of my account or narrative.

There is, it is true a serious want which is the lack of photographs, I shall try to send you some by next mail. Once you are in possession of these photographs I hope you will be able to sell the two little works as a whole, perhaps