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Dear Jan:

Let us go on a first name basis, even as I do with Ira Zweifach, Chas. Bretagne and the others of the new energetic younger group now coming into activity in the F & C G.

I ought have written you days ago, thanking you for the final page of the ms. on the 10c Sower. But I have been kept quite busied getting the material for the F & C G number of Linn's into shape and off to that paper.

Your article is almost too good for Linn's-- too solid. But it will do the readers' good to have something as solid as this, written so it can be read easily, before them.

I took a very few liberties with the ms. At maybe 25 points, I divided sentences where you had linked together two coordinate clauses with an "and." I also changed "struck from" to "derived from" in speaking of plates or cliches derived from the various dies. I think this was a wise move, because actually they were not "struck" at all but impressed ~~into~~ into a thermoplastic to make the molds, and then electrotyped.

I am enclosing also some 10c Sowers in yellow-brown. These are artifacts which I made today. I put them into a dish with a solution of lye. They were red when I started. The lye bleaches the 10c green completely. Keep these for reference--- the data would be 15 minutes in N/10 NaOH solution, to talk chemically.

As for the 5 francs Empire-- didn't you give me that copy some weeks ago? I have one that is yours and for which I hope one of these days I can find you something you really want that is adequate exchange. If you'll name a cash price, I'll buy it. Provided, that is, it is in the normal scale for the condition of the stamp.

Sincerely yours

I'm wrong-- the 10c green retains some yellow, as copy enclosed. Keep all the artifacts with my compliments.