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Dear Charles,

Many thanks for your letter. I'm delighted to hear that things are looking up for you, and hope there is more prosperity in the future.

With regard to what you propose in your letter, namely a meeting between ourselves, Peter Crowther, and Ray Bone, I've thought this one over very carefully. It's a tempting idea, and I haven't really made up my mind either way.

You see, I've never met Ray Bone. All I know about her is by hearsay and what I've read in the press. The hearsay is all



against her; but then hearsay usually is. What I should like to know is just what part she played in those nasty, prejudiced articles in the "News of the World" last year. You see, I've been told that she is a close acquaintance of Peter Earle, who was partly responsible for those articles. And I honestly believe that worry over those articles shortened Gerald's life.

Furthermore, I know that she is working in close collaboration with Jack Bracelin. That is not hearsay, but my personal knowledge; which is why I have never contacted her, and I suspect why she has never contacted me. I thought she had broken right away, and was working on her own; but it seems she has teamed up with Bracelin



again. And in that case, I just don't want to know!

I don't know, Charles; but perhaps it is wiser to keep right out of it, and work on our own. After all, the old tradition was that each coven was self-governing. The leaders throughout the country kept in contact; but all went ~~their~~ their own ways, within the framework of the old traditions. I think maybe this is still a good idea.

However, I don't rule out the idea of a meeting, by any means. But I think I'd like to see how things boil up, for a while yet.

Incidentally, I have also heard a report that some relative of Gerald's is contesting the will. Do you know anything about this? I haven't heard any more from



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the Witchcraft Research Association, and don't know what is happening in that direction. But Sybil Leek is in America at the moment; doubtless we shall hear more when she returns.

Ray Bone's address, by the way, is: Mrs. Eleanor Bone, 120 Trinity Road, London, S.W. 17.

All the best. "Blessed be — — —"

Yours sincerely,  
Doreen Valente.