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until absolutely required to, in order to win the game.

I regret that your correspondent, more specially as he appears to be friendly, did not come to me directly in regard to what he has in mind. It does not seem fair that you should be annoyed with such local troubles. I am the one who should be informed in the first instance of what is going on; then, should I fail to adjust matters, I will use my own judgment as to what I should do further, and no one as yet, not even my most bitter enemies, have accused me of lack of judgment. My suggestion to you therefore is that you would be good enough to advise your correspondent to see me and report all that he knows just as he would do to yourself, and that you feel certain that I have enough judgment to adopt the best course.

I wish to repeat again what I told you not very long ago, and in so doing, I beg to assure you that I have a full sense of my responsibility in the matter. During the short time that I have put in the work, which you have requested me to undertake, I have received more encouragement from the real workers of the party and from all those who have no personal axe to grind, than I had at first anticipated. In fact, I attribute in part to this success, the efforts made of late, on the one hand, to come to some understanding with you directly, while, on the other hand, the same influences are at work to undermine your confidence in me or in my qualifications.

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