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Dear George,

Received your letter from May 26th with best thanks. I was now for about a month at the Moscow international tournament, with hot weather and many short draws, but with 18 strong grandmasters. I could have chosen a less worthy partnership than Petrosjan, Najdorf and Geller!

From Moscow I sent you two positions from the early rounds of the tournament and I guess if you have got them in time. To-day I enclose some more interesting examples.

Your idea about the San Francisco Chronicle plan is very interesting, but all it will depend on the decision of our Chess Federation. The best advice I can give is to send a letter from your Editor to the USSR Chess Federation (Moscow, Skatertny per.4) with an official invitation, and at the same time write to Mr.L.Zaitsev, the Cultural Attache of the USSR Embassy in Washington, asking him to support the plan. Mr.Zaitsev himself is a good chessplayer, and you met him in New York during the USA-USSR match in 1954.

Although I do consider the <sup>a</sup>chances not very favourable, the step is <sup>r</sup>worth of trying. The date could be after the Winnipeg tournament, which ends about October 15th, and where I hope to be participating with Mr.Spasski. After the tournament we plan some exhibitions in Canada, so the San Francisco plan could start about Oct.25th or so.

After the Moscow tournament I am taking now a short rest, and then the USSR team championship in Moscow will follow. There is always enough of chess, as you see!

With best wishes and kindest regards,

sincerely Yours

*Paul*

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Please send me some copies of SFC where my materials were published!