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Dear Mr. Jones:

I have been asked to convey to you the following information:

(1) A summary is being prepared for the convenience of the Ways and Means Committee, as requested in a letter from Mr. Byland to Mr. Alexander in which a Committee report on current controversial issues was discussed. The summary will be passed about from southern to northern California, so will probably take another month or two before completion.

(2) It is hoped that the Committee report to the Directors will be as free as possible from prejudice. If the Directors are asked to vote, our group would like to see the proposed ballot beforehand.

(3) The latest addition to CHESS LIFE's contributors, Hipponax, is not contributing toward harmony. His entire article in CHESS LIFE, November 20, 1954, could be construed as a sly way of getting in the dig "Alexander-Popoff," together with the comment "...apt characterization." It is also noted that Hipponax is not a chess player - a development which is not "following the dictates of the New Orleans meeting."

Should (2) above seem to be effrontery, I apologize. But we have experienced some distinctly one-sided treatment lately and you can't blame us for trying to head off more of the same.

Yours truly,

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