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Dear son,

With this letter I'm sending through two business proposals. They both seem to be very serious. The first one was from a man called Laszlo Reisz and the name of the invention is "Vertyl" vulcanisation. Reisz says that there is something similar in America but that his invention is much better. At least this is what the specialist could say based on the catalogue that he got from the US.

The other business offer is from my schoolmate Janos Odon Muranyi, a director. The invention is not his, it belongs to his son, called Peter Muranyi. He is a specialist in the paper industry and his invention was implemented in all of the Hungarian paper factories for very good money. Then he went to Paris where he also got a huge amount of money for the licenses. At the moment this young man is in Brazil, in South America, and he has had a lot of success there as well. Please find attached the patent description. In Australia the patent is registered in Canberra 106274. Muranyi said that regarding this you don't need to get in touch with Canberra because there is a trademark sub-office in Sydney and they can give you more details about it. If you are interested in this matter, then please write directly to Peter. Here is his address: Sao Paulo, Brasil, Caixa postal [Portuguese: 'postbox'] 3166. To best of my knowledge there aren't many trees in Australia, so I'm not sure if this would be a good option there, especially regarding the paper industry. I don't know if the paper industry could develop there at all, but Muranyi says that there is a good chance for it there.

For your entertainment I am attaching a newspaper article and I'll just say that it is about Comédie-Française [French state theatre troupe] who were in Bucharest not too long ago. The print pack contains your requests from Lloyd. We only found these from the 1938 in your desk. Everything else we will send you via airmail.

Love Dad

Dear son,

The print pack will contain *LIFE* magazine, which I'm just sending to you because it doesn't cost us anything to send and I thought it was a very kind idea and you will laugh about it. The subscription which we received last Christmas from Kitty will expire but they still send me two other magazines for two more months and they sent us very good letters which touched our hearts, but we were strong enough to resist because it was very expensive. The note that I attached was the last reminder to subscribe, but it was so nice at the end we couldn't resist, so we subscribed. The reason for that was because we had a tenant who was willing to pay almost full price for the old papers. I also

attached a page from the *Motion Picture Herald*. Maybe you could get some more information about the item I marked there. It could be good for one of the newspaper agencies that you work for, you could probably easily get information about it. If you have a picture, you could probably give this article to all of your customers. There is a huge demand in foreign pictures here and everywhere else. If you could get free magazines or any picture material from travel agencies or any other organisations there is always a need for that. I will send you an airmail letter about it.

I'm sending you thousands of hugs, my darling

Dad