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OUR LADY OF GETHSEMANI  
TRAPPIST, KENTUCKY

Aug. 24, 1957.

Dear Victor.

Many thanks for your letter and for the picture and article which accompanied it. I was very interested in the picture- which I had seen before in a magazine which Brother Giles had, but more so in the article about it. I am happy that you want to print Prometheus.

I have asked Father Abbot what we ought to do. The number of copies, seventy five, is fine. But we thought of another way of handling the cost. If you sell copies of the meditation, it will have to be censored. And this is such an inordinate amount of trouble, that for a small thing of this sort, and particularly for a small edition, it is hardly worth while. The censors begin by keeping every manuscript for three or four months if not more. Then, if they don't lose it, they find an excuse for causing all kinds of trouble over the slightest things. Then the Abbot General gets up in the air about it, and in the end we end up where we started, because there is usually nothing wrong anyway. In order not to have to spend the next five months in a teapot tempest over something that is for all practical purposes a manuscript, I think it would just be best for us to pay the costs, and distribute the work, leaving you of course as many copies as you want for yourselves.

This I think is the best thing to do and if you want to print fewer than seventy five copies, that is all right with us too. In a word, this is again an "excuse for printing" and not a commercial venture or the dissemination of a message or anything like that. Later on, the thing will probably go into a book, and then it will be another matter.

I was glad to get the new material on Ecuador. It is of high quality and a really serious study. Many thanks. I will send the books back under the label that Mrs Hammer enclosed.

Once again I close in wishing you a wonderful trip to Europe. I will be with you in spirit, especially at Kolbsheim. And of course please remember me very warmly to the monks and Dom Angelico if you go to see them.

With every blessing,

Devotedly in Our Lord Jesus Christ

*J. Louis*

*I am assuming that you want the picture & article returned.*