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Mr. Robert A. Sloman  
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Dear Mr. Sloman:

First let me thank you for your letter of 7 May 1954, in which you have taken pains to give further details of the Owen-Gallup materials in your possession.

With regard to the Owen Wheel, could you estimate the volume and weight of the strip of canvas if demounted from the wheel? Further would it be practicable to detach the sheets from the canvas? If so, then what might the volume and weight of the material be? What would you ask for these detached sheets and for the canvas in case the sheets cannot be readily detached?

Next, with reference to the eight items separately listed in your letter, and more specifically to your courteous offer to make that material available for examination, it would, of course, be best if other business necessitated my coming to Detroit, at which time it would be convenient to examine the material where it now is stored. But I do not foresee such a visit in the near future, nor does my interest in the material warrant my spending the money and extra time it would take to make a special trip to Detroit for this purpose. Hence, I am reduced to asking whether it would be at all practicable to send the material to me via parcel post, with the understanding that the material would be returned promptly and in good condition in case we fail in negotiations for its retention. I would, of course, want to have some idea as to what you want for each of the eight items or for the eight items as a whole before you send me anything, because our ideas as to the value of this material may be quite diverse.

Hoping that answering my inquiries will not impose too great a burden and thanking you again for your courtesy, I am,

Sincerely,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN