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Dear Comrade McCartney,

Very many thanks for your letter, and my sincerest apologies for the inexcusable delay in returning your manuscript. I am very sorry if this has inconvenienced you. I can only plead that we have been very busy, having held a conference at Manchester a fortnight ago.

As you can see from the above letter-heading, the name of our organisation has been changed to the "Syndicalist Workers Federation," and we have affiliated to the I.W.M.A. The reason for the change was general dissatisfaction among our comrades at the slow progress our ideas were making, and a desire to make a broader appeal than one is able to do under the name of "Anarchist." Our aim is to develop industrial groupings similar to the French Cooks' Syndicate. It is not going to be easy, but the workers will have to come to it sooner or later.

The Manchester conference was quite well attended. One link with the past was comrade Alexander Callaghan (Manchester), who has been in the movement for more than 40 years, and was a friend of Tom Mann in his syndicalist days. Perhaps you know comrade Callaghan?

Regarding your pamphlet, I was very glad to know you are going to get it printed and hope it will get a good sale. I think it is very good and it deserves to be widely distributed. I'm sorry we are not able to offer to publish it in "Direct Action," but - although we are making every effort - we cannot yet see the possibility of having the paper printed again. As a revolutionary syndicalist organ it should get a much better sale. If only we had the resources of Freedom Press

Once again, my regrets for keeping your manuscript so long,
Yours very fraternally,