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To the members of the
Group '39.

The Hague, May 6, 1947.

My dear friends and colleagues,

Before definitely writing you more later on about the possibilities of the Hellcommune I will first of all draw your attention to the fact, that by using the Hell we can all spare a lot of expenses at the occasion of big sporting events in Europe and specially when the Olympic games are beginning. I suppose that your agencies as mine are represented by their sporting editor, for the delivery of an own reportage, at many important events. We for ourselves are reporting about:

1. Soccer Holland-Continent (of course), Rotterdam 6/5/'47.
2. World-chess tournament, Hilversum, 15/7/'47.
3. Tour de France, 20/6 - 20/7/'47.
4. European rowing championships, Luzern, 25 - 27/8/'47.
5. World championships cycle racing, Paris 25 - 31/7/'47.
6. European championships swimming, Monte Carlo 6 - 13/9/'47.
7. Olympic Wintergames, St. Moritz, 30/1 - 10/2/'48.
8. World championships skating, Davos, 15 - 16/2/'48.
9. World championships cycle racing 1948 July, Amsterdam-Valkenburg.
10. Olympic Summergames, London, 29/7 - 14/8/'48.

In most cases (Olympic Wintergames St. Moritz and Olympic Summergames London e.g.) we are in continuous communication with our sporting editor present at the games, by steady teleprinterline straight to our office. That means that we would be able - receiving not only written text but at the same time a tape - to re-transmit the copy a few minutes later by Hell-commune to you all. That means also that the total transmission costs for us all would not be more than once the costs of teleprinting to the Hague and once the costs of the Hell-emissions instead of so many times transmission costs to each of our agencies as there are present with an own reporter. The costs of the Hellservice are now sixty florins each full hour (we may use less than an hour for less price). In one hour Hell can be transmitted over 2000 words.

We understand that at the Olympic Games e.g. each agency needs an own reportage by its own man about its own people but as to the results of all the games and matches nobody of us can cable something else than the same. Sofar we could easily (and wisely) use the way of the teleprinter-transmission to the Hague and the Hell for the further transmission. If you agree in principle with the idea, would it not be wise to enter in a further contact about this subject? We could even try it once. We could even make you an offer in a special case with a clear specification of the total costs for each of us in that case.

Not in all cases, we understand, each of us is as much interested as another. In several cases one Scandinavian reporter can probably be useful and sufficient for all Scandinavian agencies, but his work will be much easier, if cooperating with our man, who will have the task to deliver the results in every case by (teleprinter and) the Hellcommune.

May I hear your opinion soonest? Even if you don't see any thing in it? Finally a private information for you: I will sail May 31st to the Netherlands Indies and travelling back visit our New-York Office; I will not be home before August. Nevertheless I should warmly appreciate it, if in the early autumn of this year we could have another meeting of the Group'39. If so, where? In Scheveningen (Holland)? I am very sorry that I will not be able to go to het North before my trip to the Indies, which I intended to do. But I hope to see you all afterwards, specially, too, our friend dr. Berg.

Believe me, as always,
sincerely yours,

Vandepol.

H.H.J. van de Pol,
General Manager.