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Mr. Lowell Thomas,
Care of the Readers Digest.

Dear Mr. Thomas;

I have just been reading with great interest your lead article in Readers Digest on the Refugees from Tibet now in India. You probably don't remember me but I used to know you back before the war when I was in the travel department of the American Express Company. I helped you on several occasions when you were preparing your radio broadcasts on travel. I have viewed many of your television programs on travel, including the ones about your adventures in Tibet.

You are a lucky man to go through what you did in crossing the Himalayas between Tibet and India without losing a leg as a result of your accident. Is your injured leg now in good working order?

Have you written a book about your Tibet adventures, or do you plan to write such a book? If so, I'd like to read it. This is a part of the world in which I am much interested.

The Readers Digest in July 1959 had an article on Tibet called "Gunfire on the Roof of the World." Did you write this article, some of pictures are credited to you. Of the 50,000 Tibetans who escaped over the mountains into India how many are monks or lamas -- most of them? Tibet is said to produce much gold which was, or is, stored in the Monasteries. Did these escaping monks bring much of this gold out with them?

Do you have an office in New York City? I'd like to talk with you some time. I have an idea for an unusual cruise on which I would like to have your advise and opinion.

Cordially,

AK Dawson

P.S. If you have other television programs scheduled please give the the date and station.