

Mister Goldfinger
 Architecte
 o.c. the editor of "The Penguin Book"

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My dear Goldfinger,

many years have passed since we saw each other standing together at the atelier Perret at Paris. But good luck made your book "The County of London-plan" fall into my hands and I, meeting you on the same problems of to-day - modern architecture and town-planning - but for reconstructing destroyed cities, can address you directly.

Before I start to explain those things, I'll tell you a bit of my adventurous life and fight here in this country, to which destiny forced me to return after my flight from Spain. My family and I belonged to the active antifashists in word and deed. Not enough with hiding a Jewish lady for three years in my house, with hiding forced Dutch workers and prisoners of war, we listened all the news of the BBC and propagated their news to the English, Australien and other prisoners, whom we transmitted meantime all our English books.

The Gestapo and the Nazi party had their eyes on us and only the surprisingly quick entrance of the USA troops, saved us from death.

But we survived, I am now Professor of the "Technische Hochschule" taking care of 300 Students, reconstructor of the cathedral, Parliament and other buildings and I come now to the subject which may be of interest to you.

At Munich is prepared an exhibition of town-planning in connection with the reconstruction of the damaged cities. We are sure of the collaboration of the American and French Architects. We are now connected with the British Consul, whose address had been transmitted by the French Ambassador who takes care of the French collaboration

Are you interested to cooperate with us? In case you are, please give me the names of organisations and individual architects, who

would be willing to cooperate. Invitation has been sent to the Royal Institut of British Architects, but I do not know, if this will be sufficient to have active assistance. Can the L.C.C. help us directly?

Answer as soon as you can, that we can prepare the future. Hoping to get news also about yourself, I remain with cordial greetings

your most sincerely

Geo. Rucker

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