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ROCKET INVENTION OFFERED TO U. S. 100 YEARS AGO

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Governor Louis Kossuth
New Orleans, Louisiana

Enclosed please find a tear sheet of the "Newyorker Staats Zeitung." According to this news item, my friend László Lukászy, is negotiating with the Swiss government for the sale of his novel rocket invention.

Knowing him to be an inventive engineer of pyrotechnics, I thought you may wish to use his services or offer his ingenious rocket to America. While working with the famous Stuwer of Vienna, he devised a rocket which can hurl a 30 lb. warhead to a distance of 5000 feet. He also has explosives which work under water and these could be of great value to the United States.

Lukászy hid his secrets from the Austrians and Russians. As a matter of fact, he was a lieutenant of artillery in the Hungarian Liberation Army. But now he apparently needs funds to eke out a living in his exile. Could you interest the Americans?

(Signed)

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