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particularly appropriate to me. I looked over the first page about Germany and make briefer. Then I noticed the second page was a rather good presentation of Christmas and a transition between the two. McCarty came over and I said, Here's what I have written. I said look it over and see if there is anything good for this purpose. Not too bad. I said I don't know whether this material about Germany is getting us into an area we don't want to get into. He looked over the first part and said, That looks alright. Then when I came to the transition to Christmas making a contrast between the world under Satan's control and I got to the portion despite this we can lift up our heads and rejoice because Christ has come into the world. His face lighted up and he said, That's the point of the letter./What I had thought of as the transition. When I thought it over I realized that what I had put as an afterthought and without realizing what I was doing I had made the transition between what had impressed me in Berlin and the general description of the fact we all know about Christmas by a comparison that actually was quite good

I thought this was an interesting illustration of how important ideas are often born when we are thinking of less important ideas.

With my particular type of mind which readily sit down and pick a theme and take the first point and develop it take a second a develop it but rather dash off my ideas and the ideas as they occur to me was an illustration of the fact that with such an approach can produce unexpected worthwhile things