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The Wallace

By air mail
Par avion



Dear Leon, Thank you so much for the
'Stuff of Sleep and Dreams'. The book
arrived as a complete and charming
surprise and reading it gives us the
same pleasure as listening to you
talking. I was tickled at the mention
of the 2 brothers in London and their
sister in Vienna. Incidentally Shula
is still active, more in coping with
living than with music. Nacir is
flourishing and successful with his
dictionaries of English Current Usage
and Arabic, and ditto and Hebrew.
Dad and I are still fit and working
at Hospital, teaching and researching.
With love from Sonny

Nicolas Poussin 1594-1665

A Dance to the Music of Time (p108)

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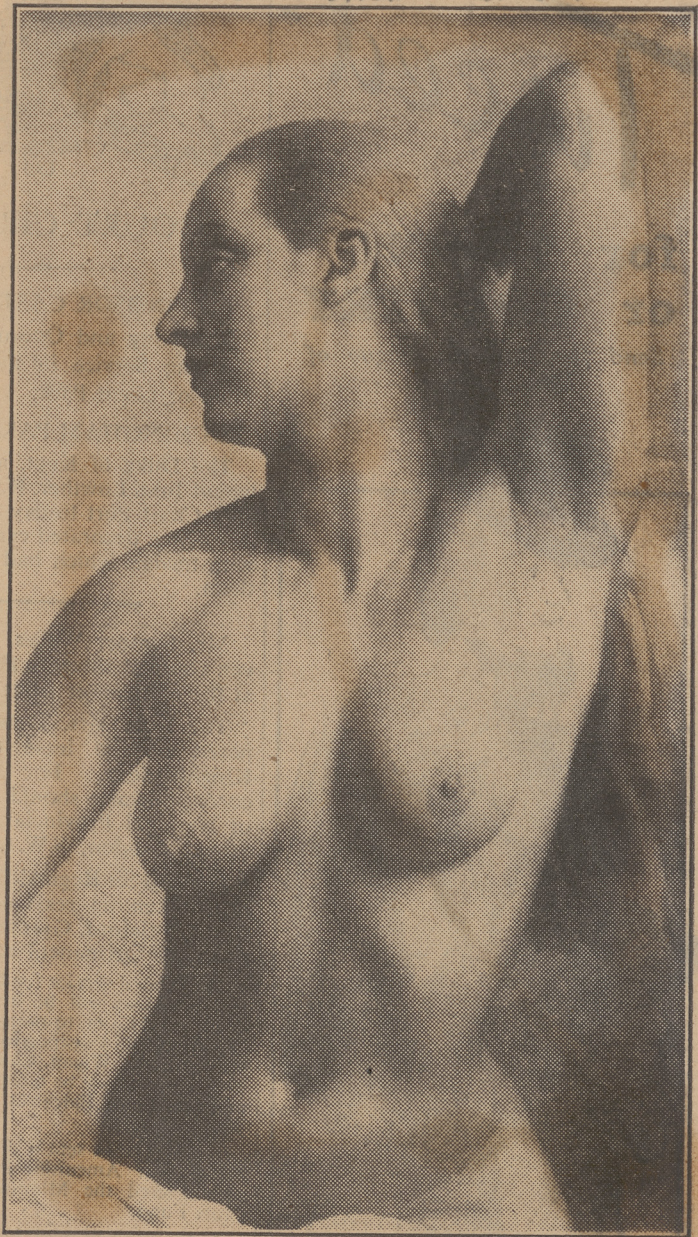
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The King and Queen
Morning Service in the
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The Duke of Kent, at
tenant John Lowther, R.N.
East Coast Port to-day at
The King, decorated cert
with medals which had
them.

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The Hon. Mrs. Trevor
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Knightsbridge. For t
correspondence should be
of National Provincial B
Street, London, S.W.1.

General Sir Reginald a
have taken up residence
Court, Fairford, Glouces
now their permanent add

The funeral service for the
and Balcarras will be held
Church at 11 a.m. to-morow
of public bodies wishing to a
the Rector of Wigan, Cano
so that seats may be reserve
take place at Balcarras,
Wednesday.

The King has sent a don
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administered the Mineswe
Craft Fund.

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Saturday in aid of the Gre

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Dear Miss Wilford,

Please convey

my warmest thanks to Leon Edel
for Bloomsbury which reached
me to-day. As I'm just
packing to go off to France to-
morrow. Leon's book will be the
ideal companion to have with me.

Yours sincerely,

N.S. Doniach

Jenny Wilford

Penguin Books Ltd.

28 Magens Avenue,
London N.W.6.

Friday,

My dear Edel,

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Anyway I was delighted, charmed,
gratified & thoroughly happy to receive your
eloquent gift. If the 'soutenance' is as
well thought out, as elegant in form, as
lucid in diction & as pleasant to witness
as your two Theses I have no need to
wish you success in it, but only to
add a few more felicitations & to
express, however inadequately, my pleasure
that your Doctorat should be taken
with such 'éclat' that the 'retentissements'
will be heard in Montreal London &
New York bringing pleasure to all your
friends. I have actually read a
good part of both books as the cut pages
stand to witness if I lie. I find

that your thesis, now that I have it
before me in writing, is a sound one &
must rejoice all students of Henry James.
If you don't object I'd like to review
both books but if you think the time is not
ripe, or my talents inadequate, or that it
might harmfully affect any future sales
just put a 'No' on the corner of the next letter
you write to me & don't bother about
explanations.

I am sorry not to be in Paris to
see you & to join you in bringing the
first period of your 'Wanderjahnen' to
an end, but let me wish you all
success as a future professor of 19th
cth English Literature in Harvard or Yale,
a pleasant journey back to the states
& a happy return to Montreal.

Need I say that Ty, mother, Thérèse & Sonny
join me in these sentiments?

Yours ever,
Rae

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August 28th., 1979

Dear Leon,

I want to thank you very much for the Bloomsbury book that arrived at Alma Square a few days before the official publication in England. I found it engrossing and compulsive reading and having finished it, Deb who is now reading the book has much the same reaction. I am looking forward to reading the reviews here.

Are you visiting England this autumn? We shall be in our cottage for two weeks from September 8th; where our telephone number is 043 885 437 (043885 is the dialling code from London). Otherwise we are in London, except for weekends in the cottage.

I should have written before to congratulate you on the success of the Bloomsbury book in the U.S.A. I would have thought, quite wrongly, that Bloomsberries are special fruit, enjoyed chiefly by a now ageing population. I'm not referring to Virginia Woolf's novels but to the lives and activities of your lives.

All is well with us. We continue a pretty active existence, Deb especially. I think she is going to write to you herself. She says she wants to retire - but I am sure she won't for a few years. Apart from many commitments, Deb's researches are going too well to consider leaving them.

I don't want to retire. Though I work in an honorary capacity, my commitments continue - teaching, lecturing, writing chapters and doing research - and I enjoy it all, though the chapters and occasional public lectures prove much more of an effort than in the past.

Apart from work we've had a busy year. The house in Alma Square needed a lot of attention including total replacement of the roof and a lot of external and internal decoration. Meanwhile we had a lot of visitors, relatives (grandchildren from the USA) and nice friends too. Nacie and Shula are flourishing, each with a degree of vitality that leaves me envious. Talking of vitality, Deb's parents are amazing. Her father, who is 93, visited us from Jerusalem for two weeks. Her mother, who is also 93, is coming tomorrow from Paris for a week!

Please remember us to Marjorie,

With love from Sonny.

Dear Leon,

The Darlings Wood End
near Stevenage, Herts
Sept 22nd 1979

This is a sequel to my last letter as I still think about your book. How are you? After reading yours I read Michael Hobroyd on Lytt. St. It was really thanks to you, as you gave me the impetus. We only saw one review of your book in The Telegraph by Anthony Powell. He says how much he loves your book on James and then he proceeds to run down the members of the Bl. group, and does not say anything about your aspect of it. I think he must be jealous. He is a very unpleasant man, is he not? Actually I have not managed to read his works yet because I get stuck everytime I try. But all my friends love his work. Sorry I read the whole thing twice. You probably know that the Unions are still fighting the Times and that we have been deprived of our only decent daily paper and worse still, of the literary supplement for almost a whole year. Don't you find this absolutely disgusting? Now they are also fighting the Rolls Royce Co. So that all their factories had to be shut and 360,000 workers were laid off. Nobody knows what will happen to this poor country. I am a dreadfully unpolitical person actually, which means that I can't really grasp what is going on. It all seems so immoral and so corrupt all over the world. We have been on holiday in the cottage for nearly 2 weeks and this has given me a chance to read a bit more although I am really supposed to write my chapter as I told you already. Sorry and Nadey are both well. Nadey & Thia came to dinner the other day. She still has exhibitions of her work at least once a year and her pictures sell out everytime. They are pleasant to look at and she does not charge too much. Their 2 daughters are both very good people. Jona teaches art in a Coventry Comprehensive school and has 2 1/2 Indian daughters who are both charming aged 13 & 11. The other daughter Ruth, has now 3 children a girl of 7 called Miriam, a son Owen aged 5 and a new baby called Galia. Her husband Stuart is an attractive Welshman. He studies 19th century decorative art and writes books about Dresser and other artists who influenced architecture and design 1860-80. Poor Vivian & Thadi have both gone into a decline. As you know Vivian had a brain tumour a long time ago, then he got pituitary deficiency and now his brain has gone quite and he is very poorly. Can't talk much, incontinent & has to live in a home. Thadi is even sadder. He was such a jolly boyish character always full of pranks and loved telling stories.

and used to describe his cheating exploits almost like an Arab Bedouin. Well, he has gone into such a serious depression mixed with some kind of recurrent brain ischaemia. So he stays in bed all the time and refuses to see anybody. Nadey has to take some kind of tranquilizer to help him keep off eating too much, but he is really young for his age and still very engaged with his dictionaries and absolutely charming to everyone around him. Except perhaps with Thérèse whom he treats rather roughly but then she is a very demanding person so you can't blame Nadey. Sorry got over his prostate operation and is his usual shifty self. He works in a food hospital, for nothing of course but he likes to be of service to others and I think he is greatly appreciated. Today he invited two of his colleagues

So we will be entertaining 2 pathologists. One is a specialist in snake tumours and they both know an awful lot about plants and gardens - I am now very much taken with a book on Sam Johnson by Walter Jackson Bates. I bet he must be a friend of yours.

He loves Dr J so much that he twists everything in his favour. He tries to smooth out all the glaring contradictions in his character and to make excuses for all J's awful failings. It makes very good reading and I really enjoy it. Lots of love from

us both yours Deborah

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25 Alma Sq NW8
Sunday Sept 30th
1979

Dear Leon,

you will be very surprised to get yet another letter from me, as I wrote to you only a short time ago. This is still a result of reading your Bloomsbury book. I must tell you a bit of gossip in connection with them. Last night we were invited to a party at the house of John Humphrey who is an immunologist. It turned out that his wife was the daughter of A.V. Hill who was a famous doctor, and her mother was the sister of Raynard Kleges. I told them to read your book but they said they had had enough of those people, meaning the Bloomsberries. They knew several of the characters in your book. Apparently Lydia Lopokhova is still alive but so old that she had to move to an old people's home. All her Russian books were going to be thrown away but as the Humphreys have an elder daughter in law who is an anthropologist and a fellow in one of the colleges in Cambridge, they kept the books for her. I had great fun looking through these books yesterday and thinking about Raynard Kleges & his wife. There was a whole box which I unpacked. It had one little book of 1870 which was the second edition of Lermontov's poems. Most of the books were Russian classics like all the works of Tolstoy & Dostoevsky in Soviet editions of the 1920's. In addition there were some books about the Russian theatre and several interesting magazines about literature and the arts also from the 1920's - I thought about you when we talked about all these people. Bridgid was also at that party because she was at Cambridge when John Humphrey was there - she studied History before taking up medicine. John has a lovely country estate ^{near Cambridge} with an 18th century mill and 12 acres of rather lovely

woods with a trout stream running through
That family is very top drawer. I bet
you they are also related to the
Darwins and the Huxleys. It is a big
feature of the British scene these good
intellectual families. I also heard that
Leslie Stevens, Virginia's father helped
Thomas Hardy at one point when he was
not sure how to handle his novel.

Now I am reading Dr Johnson's essays
and it is very interesting but not in the
same street as Montaigne. Are you
writing another book? I am going to buy
copies of your book for all my friends at
Xmas. I read that they are planning

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a film about Lytton Strachey
and the central character will
be Carrington. She has
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caught the public imagination.
We had a lovely day in our
Cottage today. We gardened
a lot and then we invited
our neighbour who is an artist
for drinks with his friends. The artist
is called Richard Foxcroft and he
is building a studio in medieval style
with his own hands. It is
lovely
going up.
lots of love from Sony and me
Joan Deborah

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Sunday
Sept 8th 1979

The Darlings
Wood End, near
Stevenage, Herts

Dear Leon,

I just finished reading your wonderful book on Bloomsbury. You managed to create the image of these amazing people in such a compact form that I think this is the sort of book that people will re-read often when they have finished it. I was really sorry to get to the last page as the sense of fun and elation that you conveyed seemed to stem from your own feelings. It looks as though you enjoyed writing it all the way through. I loved the bits about Mayhew S. best, perhaps because I can't resist his own writings which I always find uplifting & full of vitality. When you analysed what made his books so nice to read it was really interesting as you obviously studied this well all your life. I read another essay of yours ^{recently} in a symposium on writing biography which my daughter in law brought me from the States and that was terribly good too. I found your analysis of Carrington a bit Henry Jamesian in the sense that you emphasized the nasty manipulative side whereas she also sacrificed a lot for the love of this man, like marrying the man he wanted her to etc and then of course she also killed herself but you might say that did him no good at all, which is true. Anyway it is all so complex and such a good subject for each person to re-interpret according to their own image of people and the world. I find the Jamesian world where everyone only thinks of how better to exploit their fellow beings as a very one-sided view. It needed emphasizing and we all have to read him to correct any tendencies to believe only in the good side of things but surely both sides of the coin are equally real and valid. Anyway just after I read you I picked up Samuel Johnson's lives of the poets which we always keep in the car for odd moments of waiting around and I read his life of Milton. I don't know whether it was your influence or what but it made me go into fits of laughter and I felt I never read anything so hilariously funny and beautiful. The way he manages to convey the awful character of that man as well as his greatness, all in these extraordinary succinct sentences. I still can't get over it. These two experiences, reading your book followed by him will always raise my spirits. We have just come to the cottage for a short holiday in order for me to write a chapter on 'poly endocrine auto-immunity' which is terribly overdue. I feel I must write it because I need to tell the doctors about the new discoveries in

that field as our lab is in the thick of it, but it is so difficult to work up the necessary discipline to slog away 8-10 hrs a day during ones holiday. To actually get all this down on paper. I admire you so much for writing all these wonderful books. I never feel the confidence to write even one book of my own. Actually in our subject it is better to write up to date chapters in multi-author books, as we write for a very small clique of people around the world, ultra-specialists in autoimmunity. However, now our subject is getting popular in wider circles owing to a big impact made by our discovery of islet-cell antibodies in diabetes - this is such a big important

social problem that any marker which makes it possible to distinguish different causes for the syndrome and thus perhaps find new solutions to the treatment is bound to make a difference. I suppose this is why I keep getting asked to write these endless reviews and I can't quite cope. When will you visit England? Your book is in all the shop windows just now. ^{AN AIR LETTER SHOULD NOT CONTAIN ANY ENCLOSURE; IF IT DOES IT MAY BE SURCHARGED OR SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL} I gave a copy to Brigit and she is mad about it and loves it too. Lots of love do write your news
Yours, Deb

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Best regards to your friend
Naomi

Air Mail



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25 Alma Sq NW8

Sunday Feb 17th 1979

Dear Leon,

We were very pleased to get your letter. First about your friend Louis Rapkine's daughter - where does she live, in Paris? I don't know the present Tyroch specialists there, but there are plenty of them. If she comes to London I would be pleased to see her in my clinic and to advise her about antibodies to endocrine glands. Obviously they are treating her with Thyroxine for her Thyroid, which is the right thing. Obesity is more difficult to treat because we don't understand why people suddenly eat more and get fat. Once they are fat, the only way is to starve - and people don't like that. We much look forward to your new book on Blombury. Congratulations on getting it finished.

Now about our news. Poor Sonny was taken ill quite suddenly 2 weeks ago with acute retention and I had to be admitted to hospital as an emergency. Then he had to have catheters and all sorts of unpleasant tests and they operated on his prostate last Wednesday a week. Luckily he is now recovering, though he is still under the weather and barely out of hospital. It will take a good few weeks for his weather to recover from all the badness about that is required when the prostate is enlarged. Up till 2 weeks ago we were well except for diff. catheters with a leaking neck roof.

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and such material troubles as a horrible cold
winter with snow continuous since Xmas. The
leap is still O.C. at this moment. When he was
sicker ill I really felt that life was all over
for us but now I think we will enjoy it again.
Tonight for instance we watched Treasure for
Treasure on the TV and it was very lovely.
Lately I am enamoured with George Eliot
and I just finished reading the Mill on the Floss
and Middlemarch before that. Her style strikes
me as very noble and she plucks at my heart
strings. Now I want to start reading Dante
as I think I shall get some good messages
from him about life & death. Otherwise I
shall work as before and so does Sonny. We go to
hospital every day but don't get any pay. I have
to do a lot of writing and on March 30th I am
supposed to go on a lecture tour of Japan. The
Sonny is fully recovered by then to do without
me for 2-3 weeks. - England is full of
strikes and right now London is sky high with rubbish
heaps because the dustmen have not worked for 4 weeks.
Everyone hates the Unions and there will be a conservative
landslide at the next election. However when you see
what goes on in Iran, this place seems peaceful
and civilized by comparison. Do come again soon
Much love from Deb & Sonny

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From I. Dniach. 25 Alma Square, London N.W.8. England

25 Alma Square,
London N.W.8.

March 20th, 1976

Dear Leon,

Thank you for getting in touch.
Deb and I will be here in June and
look forward very much to seeing you and
extend you a hearty welcome to stay
with us.

I am so sorry to hear that you and
Roberta have separated. It must be a
very painful break for both of you.

All's well with us. I've just turned
65 and retire from my present job at the
end of September this year. The pension is
good. I've been made an honorary member
of the pathology department at Barts
(St. Bartholomew's Hospital) and hope to
continue with research ^{there from October} (~~there~~ Freedom from
committees and a lot of responsibility is

our exciting prospect.

Deb has one more year to go in her job. Her work and discoveries continue unabated and though she talks of retiring to the country, I'm sure she'll be offered numerous attractive jobs, that will be hard to refuse.

Nacie and Thea are flourishing, remarkably youthful, working hard at dictionaries and painting and very sociable. In addition to his work at the Clarendon Press Nacie does undergraduate tutorials. He is also a member of the Senior Common Room at Wadham College.

I think you'll find England most pleasant to visit and not at all in the parlous state indicated by the newspapers. Deb went to our country cottage with Brigid last night. This morning (Saturday) I've done a few household chores and will join her this afternoon.

Love from us both
Yours
Sonny

25 Alma Sq NW 8

Thursday 16.9.71

Tel 286-1617

Dear Leon,

We tried very hard to get hold of you the minute my father and his sister went away but the first time they said you were out and then they said you had left and they had no forwarding address. We can't believe this, and it seems that we struck an obstructionist clerk. Then I tried to find Hart Davies your publishers but they are not in the telephone book.

I am writing this in the hope that you will get it. Please come and see us before you leave to go back

We would so much like
to see you and talk to
you.

We had our family staying
nine June and it was
rather desperate here but
now the coast is clear

Lots of love

yours

Deborah

(Domick)

25 Alma Square
London N.W.8.

January 3rd, 1970

Dear Leon,

Many many thanks for Volume IV. It was a lovely present and I'm sorry I didn't write sooner; the publishers sent it just before it came out. Deb and I were delighted and got vicarious pleasure from the excellent reviews. I'm just a third of the way through at present.

I hope that you and Roberta are flourishing and a very Happy New Year to you both.

We are all well and busy. We miss the children. Sebastian and his family emigrated to California last August. He is a Professor of Physics at Stanford University and likes the job very much. The family is not too happy in a suburb of Palo Alto but they are enjoying their house, garden and the climate. The grandchildren now range from 8 to 14 years. They're all coming here for 7 weeks in the summer.

My own work and the job are all right at last - it's taken about 10 years to adapt and cope with rather more responsibilities than I'd imagined. Deb is very well and adores our country cottage. We still go there every Saturday and come back on Sunday evening. It's about 1 hr 10 mins drive from Alma Square and yet is in the heart of the country. We grow masses of flowers, vegetables and soft fruit and must be regarded as a free supermarket by all the local birds and rabbits. People come to see us nearly every Sunday and we've made a number of friends in the village.

Last Saturday we went to visit Nacie and Thérèse in their new house in Oxford. They've moved from Cheltenham. Nacie has retired from his Foreign Office job - though he still works part-time at it. The rest of the time he's busy on dictionaries and translations and is full of energy. Thérèse is painting away - water colours that sell like hot cakes.

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Time passes more and more quickly — it's said to be a sign of age. Do you find the same? I expect you are deep into Volume V, working very hard and enjoying it. Do you both manage to spend a fair time at Martha's Vineyard? I hope so. New York sounds frightening in the newspaper reports, though Deb's sister Maia loves living in New York.

Love to you both

Ann Sonney

and love from Deborah



Dec 28th 1968

Sony and I came here ^{היי}
to give some lectures at
the university. We had a
very interesting 2 weeks
and visited Jerusalem
& Jericho. They are doing a
wonderful job of building
up the country here. We
wish you both a very
happy new year. Lots
of love from

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Deborah & Sony Domiach

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Friday morning.

Dear Leon and Roberta,

I am very
sorry that we won't be able to join
you this evening. Deb feels that
we must go to the country cottage
where we left her parents, since
last week-end. She is anxious about
them since both are 82 years old.

It was lovely to meet again.

Bon voyage,

Love

Sunny.

25 April 1900
Friday morning.

Dear Ben and Robert,

I am very

sorry that we won't be able to join
you this evening. The fact that
we must go to the country cottage
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last week-end. She is anxious about
them since both are 88 years old.
It was lovely to meet again.
On voyage,

Love

Henry.



Just before they took the Lighters Away

John Bratby, A.R.A.



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Miss Ruth Doniach
23 Estelle Road
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England

Dear Ruth:

It was a great pleasure to get your letters, for your parents are very dear to me although long years pass and I don't see them. I'm afraid I can be of very little help to you, because I profess English and the social sciences are unknown territory and we are brutally specialized over here.

I would suggest this, however: choose the best schools you know of -- Columbia University in New York, University of Chicago, Berkeley in California and others -- and write directly to them. I wouldn't ask for menial tasks; ask about their Fellowship programs: they will send you forms and questionnaires. Much is done to encourage students from abroad: and there's no reason why you shouldn't inquire into post-graduate work. Don't let the quality of your degree worry you: the point is you do have the degree.

Once here you can shape your plans after the period of study, and decide what you wish to do. It's hard to get "menial" tasks from the outside.

You may of course use my name as a reference. I will be glad to back you up.

If all this is vague write and tell me. But I'm sure you can get a list of universities in your library or in the B.M. and write and ask about their programs for students from abroad.

Give my love to Naky and Théa. It will be a very real pleasure to see you when you come over.

Sincerely,

Leon Edel
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23 Estelle Road
Miss Ruth Doniach

September 27, 1962

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London, N.W.3.

30th August, 1965.

Dear Professor Edel,

I hope that you will not object to my writing to you for advice, since I don't believe that you have ever met me! My name is Ruth Doniach and my parents are Naky and Thea who suggested that I should write to you.

I have just obtained a rather bad sociology degree from the University of Leeds and I am very anxious to have a year abroad. I wonder whether you would have any suggestions for one year university jobs in either New York, San Francisco or either of their environs? I would preferably like to get in on (the menial end of) a research unit in any one of the social sciences, but would consider almost anything lucrative enough to pay my passage. I have fluent French, adequate typing, and have had experience of proof reading, library and general office work.

I should be extremely grateful to you for any suggestions at all, and would be ready to start any job immediately.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Ruth Doniach.

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I have just obtained a rather bad sociology degree from the
University of Leeds and I am very anxious to have a year abroad.
I wonder whether you would have any suggestions for one year
university jobs in either New York, San Francisco or either of
their environs? I would preferably like to get in on (the mental
end of) a research unit in any one of the social sciences, but
would consider almost anything lucrative enough to pay my passage.
I have fluent French, adequate typing, and have had experience of
proof reading, library and general office work.

I should be extremely grateful to you for any suggestions at
all, and would be ready to start any job immediately.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Ruth Doniach

Tuesday Sept 22nd 1964

Dear Leon,

We have been thinking about you quite a lot and when I saw this mention in the paper about New H.J. letters I was prompted to send you this letter. Sorry and I had a lovely holiday just recently when we toured around the length & breadth of England and also some of Scotland and Wales. As I wanted to get right away from work I decided to read a good novel and thinking about you, I picked up the Golden Bowl. I read it all through our journey and appropriately, many of the hotels we stayed in were real Victorian relics - I enjoyed the style and the subtleties of the father-daughter relationship - but why does your Idol choose such boring subjects to describe in his book. I mean, the people in this book are so devoid of interest as individuals one does not really care what happens to them. All I felt interested in was to know how the novelist ~~himself~~ would entangle himself from the tricky situations he invented - and from that point of view I was not disappointed.

We had marvellous weather and saw several beautiful cathedrals Lincoln, Durham etc. Also Walter Scott's house and a very fine example of Robert Adam's work Nellerstain Castle. The finest chateau we visited was that built by Ferdinand de Rothschild in 1878 near Aylesbury. The house is an extraordinary concoction of all the chateaux de la Loire rolled into one - i.e. a couple of towers like Blois, another one like Chaumont, the roof copied from Chambord another bit plagiarized from Chenonceau - The total effect is very comic when you have seen the originals. Inside it is all genuine 18th century, the panelling was all taken from houses pulled down in Paris at the time of Houseman's rebuilding scheme. The furniture & carpets all genuine Savonnerie & the most famous marquetry but terribly ostentatious - Still, we had a

good laugh because we happened to go in with
a Charabanc full of dear old chaps on their day
out and they made the most priceless remarks
on seeing all this money & wealth. It now belongs
to the National Trust and in the book about the house
it says that Henry James often visited there. I
suppose you know Waddesdon Manor on account
of these visits, do you?

London is still its old self. There is a new angry play
by John Osborne, all about a man who rejects all
the people around him rather good but a bit of a
monologue as usual. We also saw a very fine new
film of Tennessee Williams. The night of the Iguana
You should see that. I am now reading about Thorstein
Welton as I was enthralled with a museum
devoted to his life which we saw in Portsmouth of
all places. He is such a dashing personality, it is
quite thrilling to read about his life though I heartily
disapprove of all this hero stuff -

I am coming to New York in December for a day or two
on my way to Toronto where the Gairdner Foundation
decided to give us a prize for our research. I will
probably phone you to see how you are. I always
enjoy your letters very much. How is Roberta
keeping? Please give her our best regards. Son
is very well, at present engaged in reading
a book about the history of the Jews. We are
working frightfully hard - I suppose you are doing
the same. How is your last volume of The Life getting
on? Do come to England again soon and stay with
us.

With best love from both of us

Yours Deb.

Sunday June 21st 1964

Dear Leon,

Sonny and I have been thinking about you and Roberta and wondering how you are both getting on. You were supposed to come to London in June but I expect you decided to stay with Roberta and I expect you are spending the summer in your country house.

Please write to us if you have a minute to spare and give us your news.

We are in good health except that I fractured my left wrist very badly in February and now it is still deformed and painful but getting slightly better. Then I had great stiff dipnettes and lost my senior technician who immigrated to New Zealand - life has been rather hard as a result of all these complications - We are in the process of buying a house for Sebastian and his family and all our savings will be gone on this but it is worth knowing that they will be settled for life - Sebastian got a new job in The best College in London The Imperial College in South Kensington and he has just been to give a paper at an international meeting on theoretical physics in Germany. Now he is taking his family to another maths Conference near Lake Como. I think he is getting on well in his work and making his name though his subject is a closed book to us. Sonny is still complaining about all the administration he

has to do but is doing a good job. My research
is moving slowly and is still very interesting to
me. In a year's time we will have a good new
laboratory so if we can survive the present
crowding and difficulties it will be OK one day.
How is your final volume getting on? They are
still playing the stage adaptation of the Wings of the
Dove in London but I thought it very dull and
badly adapted indeed. The London stage is in a
period of depression - There don't seem to be any
good playwrights in any country just now.
One of the favourite ones in New York Albee has a play
running in London 'Who is afraid of Virginia Woolf' I
bought it is far from being a masterpiece - I consider
it a very average West End type of bourgeois play.
I am reading Sartre's autobiography his notes very
interesting and well written. Mostly we have to read
medicine and fine passes far too quickly. We both
send our love to you ~~on Robert~~ and we hope to hear
from you young Deborah

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Prof Leon Edel

336 Central Park West

New York City

USA

Feb 20th 1964

Dear Leon,

I am so sorry I did manage to show
You before leaving New York last Sunday.
Life was extremely hectic for me because apart
from all the meetings in NY I also had to
give a seminar at NY University (this was
when you met me in the street) Then I
went to Boston and gave 2 lectures at
The Mass General and The Boston City Hospital
After that I went to Montreal for 2 days
and finally I had to go to Yale University
then I had to see my 2 sisters and their
families and I also had to buy presents
for all my grandchildren & people at
hospital - I think about you and Roberta
a lot and keep wondering how the
hypothesis turned out. Please write and
tell me how Roberta is feeling and
what the doctors said. Sorry and
I are looking forward tremendously
to your next visit and there is always
a room for you here.

I loved New York very much. H

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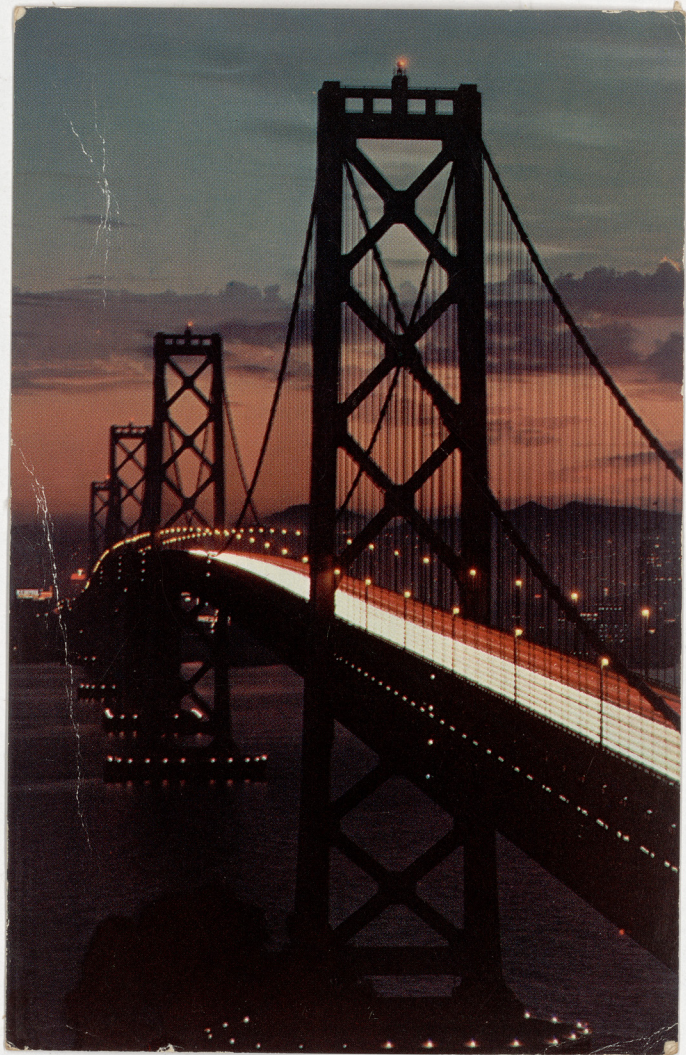
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was so comfortable in your properly heated
houses - London seemed more shummy
and cold than ever on my return. I had
a somewhat biased view of New York since
our meetings were held at the Americana
Hotel and my sister's flat being situated
in the mink area, I hardly saw any one
wearing less than a leopard at any
rate. Then we were given a few dinner parties
by people whose flats overlooked the
glendid central park with its crown of
illuminated sky scrapers that shiner
like diamonds in the night, so naturally
I feel very sorry to be back. Lots of love yours

Deborah's son



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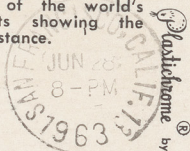
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Dear Leon,

I'm enjoying
this trip enormously —
mostly as a tourist. I
hope your stay in London
is going well. New York
next week — I've written
to Roberto. Love,

Sunny

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Sunday Jan 12th 1964

Dear Leon - Roberta,

Sonny and I would like to wish you a belated happy new year. We have been meaning to write for ages but life is so hectic that we kept putting it off. Yesterday we went to see the new play adapted from *The Wings of the Dove* and that made us think about you more than ever. This play is not a patch on the Aspen papers. It was written by some chap called Taylor and it is like the libretto of one of those dedicated Hollywood films about big American families - what a pity, because the story and characters are basically good material for a play - I read your 3rd volume with great pleasure and so did Sonny. How are you getting on with volume 4? I expect you are also overworked. I am preparing feverishly for a marathon meeting on auto-immune diseases at which I am giving a paper. I will come to New York on Feb 1st and be there for 3 days after the meeting which is Feb 3-5th. I will stay with my younger sister Raia but hope to ring you up when I am in Town and hope to see your flat and your cat and your books - and chiefly of course yourselves.

Have you ever heard of a writer called Helga Sandberg who is the daughter of Carl Sandberg? Is she any good? Her father is supposed to be a very fine poet. She has just married one of our best friends Barney Crile who is a great surgeon and a lovely man. I hope you will give me all the low down on this literary family as I am dying to know all about the

woman who managed to match Barney from all the other preying females -

Our grand children are growing fast and are very sweet. Sony works very hard running his big department and I work very hard trying to do research and write papers. The meeting on auto immunity will go on from 9 am until 11 pm for 3 days running and I am supposed to give my paper at 9.30 pm after listening to other papers for over 12 hours at a stretch that is why I called it a marathon. Quite mad these american scientists - Actually research workers are mad - when you think that all the work the best of us do is superseded within 5 years and the papers all forgotten within 10 years it is incredible that we attach such great importance to these writings of ours. At least literature lasts

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to my better
I am reading
the letters
that Sander had
wrote to his
sister when
he was 20
and they
are still
delightful
and not
passive at
all
lots of
love to
you both
See you soon
Love from Sony
and me

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Leon and Roberta Edel

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25 Alma Square,
London N.W.8.
May 16th, 1963.

Dear Len,

I hope this letter catches you before you fly to Montreal. Many congratulations on The McGill degree. Didn't you edit the University magazine when you were there?

Do come and stay with us in London. I'm not leaving for the U.S.A. until June 13th. Deb is going to Oxford to give a paper at a meeting on June 15th and a few days' later to Paris. I'll be back on July 7th, so that you could have a mixture of our company and also our flat to yourself for part of the time.

I'm going to Richland, Washington near Seattle to take part in a symposium on dangers of radioactive iodine, particularly in relation to fall-out problems. The meeting lasts 3 days and I propose to spend the rest of June in the west with no fixed plans beyond visiting Vancouver and San Francisco. I shall fly home via New York at the beginning of July and hope to spend a few days in New York. It would be very pleasant to stay in your flat. I'll telephone ^{when I arrive in New York} Roberta to see if it's convenient for her. I'll have a fairly hectic time in New York visiting Deb's sisters and a number of doctor friends.

I'm sorted up with problems at work just at present and trying to write my piece on radioactive iodine that I can't

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Professor Lena Edel

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project myself into the American trip. It lies ahead as a mostly
unplanned exciting adventure.

as you know, the Middle Years, has had lovely reviews
in the papers here and Deb and I have thereby derived a lot of
vicarious pleasure.

Deb's research is flourishing and invitations pour in for her to
address medical meetings all over Europe. I'm still finding
the neuropathology side of the job a hassle, but things are happening
and our new building has started.

See you soon,

with love to you and Robert,

ever yours,

Sunny.

Dear Leon,

Sunday 21.4.63

We were thrilled to receive your 3rd volume of Henry James' life - How terribly sweet of you to send it to us. When you come you must inscribe it - Sorry has already read it but I am so slow I am still only 2/3 of the way through the previous volume, which I am enjoying very much. However, I have recently read your other book on the psychological novel because we went to see a play called Stephen D adapted from the Portrait of the Artist as a young man and so I wanted to know a bit more about Joyce - your book on the p. novel was most instructive to me. Was it based on your lectures to the Students? Now I would like to read Ulysses. I started it but got stuck very soon. Probably it is because I am too ignorant about the background. Anyway your book helped me a lot. I will read the new one as soon as possible. I had a very good review today in the Observer by Harold Nicholson.

How is Roberta? We think about you a lot as always and we wish you lived in London. For instance today we might have gone together to see the exhibition at the Tate which we enjoyed greatly. It was the pick of 30 private collections belonging to the Friends of the Tate. It was very amusing to see how people chose their pictures. For instance Hornby the maker of model trains bought nothing but miniature masterpieces. Tiny Renoirs, Pissaros, Corots etc - The Marks & Spencer of the chain stores bought the dullest collection of impressionist you ever saw - Individually the paintings were quite nice but together they produced the most stupefying effect and looked just like the mass produced goods he sells in his shops. There were some very good things though; one woman managed to nab 5 de Stalls and another had Rodigianis and other good things - Do you buy modern paintings? I decided at least to become a friend of the Tate and at least to contribute to buying pictures for the gallery as I

will never manage to buy any for myself. -
 Sonny is working very hard with being an examiner for
 the final MB and I have lots of lectures coming off
 this summer First in Paris for a postgrad course, then
 in Germany for a Congress, and in October in Italy
 for another congress. The work is great fun but it is
 terribly hard to wrench secrets from Nature!
 I have been reading Brave New World and God how many
 things in it have already come true, or almost.
 I had a visit this week from a handsome Russian professor
 of Endocrinology and he talked just like the characters
 in the book - a textbook of communism. Are you writing
 your final volume now or have you finished that?
 Sonny is going to the States in June for a meeting on unclear
 Medicine in Seattle. He will probably call on you on his
 way back. I must leave a little room for him on my letter
 Yours ever Deborah. Dear Leon congratulations on volume III. I
 swallowed it up. Thank you very much indeed for the copy. I had recently re-read
 Painter's vol. I with great and got extra enjoyment from your description of Henry James's
 meeting with the American characters in the flesh. I do hope that you and Rebecca are well.
 Love from Sonny.

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Sunday Nov 4th/1962

Dear Leon and Roberta,

We were very thrilled to receive your 2nd volume of The Life from your publisher and we feel very honoured indeed to be one of the chosen few who receive an author's copy - The papers are absolutely stuffed with praise for you Leon and it is very nice to read one article after another saying what a good man you are. X

expect you get all the
cuttings via your publisher
so we need not cut little
bits of the Times, The Observer
and The New Statesman and
send them to you. I am
looking forward very much
to actually reading your book
as I enjoyed the first volume
very much.

We meant to write to you
lots of times before and we
talk about you a lot and
wish you were here. What
a nice time we could have
together on Sundays. We
always remember the

few Sundays we spent
 with you going round HIS
 residences in London. When
 will you come again? How are
 you Roberta? I do hope
 you have got over all your
 illnesses & operations.

London is very pleasant in
 the autumn and we are
 O.K. in health but grossly
 overworked. I am still
 doing research into auto-
 immunity - We now have
 a new antibody which

reacts specifically with the
acid producing cells of the
Stomach and is probably
responsible for atrophy
of the Stomach Mucosa seen
in pernicious anaemia. The
whole thing is exactly like
what happens in the thyroid
in myxoedema so you
can imagine how thrilling
it is to us - Another disease
which is caused by
auto-antibodies is atrophy
of the Suprarenal cortex
giving rise to Addison's disease.

Sonny is also madly busy working on how the thyroid regenerates and how cancers develop in it, especially in children who have received Xrays to the neck.

Sebastian and his family are spending 4 months in Geneva where Seb. is working in CERN, the physics centre.

It is a marvellous change for them, and I hope the children will learn French. We are a bit lonely without any family left but we manage to survive. We

would like to go and see
the new play of Beckett where
he pictures the human
condition very aptly, The
heroine being half buried
in a dung heap. This is
his second good idea - The
first was putting the parents
in dustbins in end same!
I must say I don't feel old
and I am lucky in
working with young
collaborators all the time
which is most pleasant.
We hardly go out at all

because practically every
night there is either a
meeting or papers to be
written, or life is so busy
that we just sit at home
and listen to a record or
too. How about you?
Do you go out much? Are
you now writing the final
volume of your great work
don't? I should love to
have news from you
but I don't real hope
for a letter as you

are probably far too
busy writing books.
I should like to go to the States
again but just now there
is nothing in the offing.

If you get another chance
of coming to England I
wish you would come and
stay with us. What about
that trip we were going to
make together to Spain?

Thank you again for the
honour and the great
pleasure you bestowed on
us. Lots of love to you both
Deborah

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Dear Leon and Roberta,

The August of London arrived a few weeks ago. It is magnificent and we feel very snooty receiving it as a present from the author, through the publisher. Thanks a million and congratulations.

We think of you both often and wish it would be easier to meet.

Have just been listening to Alistair Cooke's Sunday evening broadcast from New York, summarising the week's terrifying events—or rather, possibilities. It was unpleasantly exciting here too, though dimmed by our distance from Cuba, and ordinary life took precedence over the newspapers.

'Ordinary life' is a pretty busy one though monotonously bound to the job. It's going fairly well though I must admit to finding it difficult to discover any facilities

for administration or to take on the
rather fearful responsibilities with any ease.

Nacie was here yesterday, very cheerful
and active with his dictionary. He has roped in
a large number of helpers — it's an English-Arabic
dictionary to be published by the Clarendon Press —
from ex-Iraqi booksellers to the Professor of
Arabic at Oxford. I don't think I've ever seen him
so happy and active — it's sure to be a good dictionary.
He's continuing with his job at Cheltenham
but goes once a week to his office in Oxford.
Oxford of pleasant memories for him especially.

London is as nice as ever and awaits
you and Roberta — next summer perhaps?

The opera of the Turn of the Screw is on again
just now, so the voice of Henry James is still
heard in the land.

With thanks and greetings
and love from Danny.

25 Alma Square N.W.S.
June 19th, 1962.

Dear Leon,

all our sympathies to Roberta. at least the lesion was caught in time and I'm sure all is well now. Deb and I were so sorry and also relieved to hear the news. What a strain for you too.

I hope Roberta won't be put off Europe by the finale of the trip and that the next visit will make up for the difficulties of the last one.

It seems a long time since you left London. I went to a medical meeting in Madrid at the end of May together with David Molins. We enjoyed it very much and had our first spell of warmth this year. We spent three breezy days in Paris on our way back. The travelling and company and break from routine all contributed to a most pleasant holiday with one day of hard but stimulating work. Madrid was lively in the sunlight but to me, not as attractive as Paris in the rain.

This is a continental year for us. Deb and I met her sister Maia in Amsterdam 2 weeks ago and spent a delightful long weekend in Holland. We were lent a flat in Leiden, saw canals galore and Van Goghs by the hundred - literally.

Now we're both back at work, groaning a bit at the hardness of it all, but I suppose we must like it since we do it.

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I'm very glad to hear you've more or less vanquished the
glandular fever and the pox. I hope this will be followed
by a good holiday for you and Roberta away from New York's
heat.

Deb will be writing

meanwhile she joins me

in love and sympathies,

Yours,

Sony.

Dear Leon and Roberta,

Jan 8th 1961

We have behaved very disgustingly in not writing to you when we received your new book so sweetly autographed, and even worse, we did not even write to you for Xmas. You must have crossed us from the list of your friends. Please forgive us. We love you just as much as ever, both of you, and it is all the fault of the old enemy time. The weeks go by so fast that it gives me the vertigo. I wanted to read your book before writing to thank you but I only managed the preface so far which I enjoyed very much as always. It is terribly nice of you to send us the book. We have it by our bed and I will read it from cover to cover. Also, can we wish you a belated happy new year and happy we see more of you in 1961. We are all well and just recovering from the mass hysteria of Xmas. The mad rush to buy presents for hundreds of people together with the work and having to entertain lots of family including my mother from Paris, just about did us in. Sunny is rather weighed down by his job but is trying to enjoy it. My work is a mad rush with insufficient technical help etc but we are fond of it all. Our 3 grand children are a great pleasure and they are so congenial that we don't know which I love the best. London has been looking very beautiful these last 2 weeks as we have had South of France weather since before Xmas. Bright sun shine all day and a very moderate temp. Have you even seen the decorations that are put up every year in December?

I think it is all rather excessive but the English seem to like all these flying angels and dancing stars in their sheets. Anyway, from what we saw on a film of the West Indian Carnival, the London do is extremely moderate in comparison. I was asked to go to Rio de Janeiro to give lectures for a month but it was a bit much so I refused. Instead I am going to Sweden in April and to Barcelona in May. I am also trying to go to the biochemical Congress in Moscow in August. There is too much to do. How are you both? Do you like all the snow or is it a hard life? I don't suppose you have time to write letters but I am sure we always think about you just the same and it will be wonderful when you come for your year's sabbatical. We have just met a nice young playwright called Bernard Kops - He is one of the 3 newest members of the vague household in London. The other two are Pinter and David Holsker. First fold here Write plays about shunning

characters and it goes down

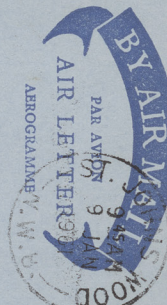
well in our prosperous Society of Jacks the theatres in the West End. Lots of love and a warm

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March 12th 1961

Dear Leon and Roberta,

We were very pleased to hear from you but were sorry to hear of Roberta's illness. How awful for her to have had all these tests including arteriograms as well as the illness itself. Please write to tell us how she is now. We think of you both a good deal and are looking forward very much indeed to your sabbatical next year in Europe. I am also looking forward tremendously to reading the second volume of the life which you are writing just now. I loved the first volume. Today we had a very charming young man to tea with his wife. He is an American who is writing a book on Steven Crane's 3 years in England and so is spending his time at the British Museum. He told us all about Ste. Crane's friendship with Henry James and he said with great deference in his voice that he had heard you lecture but of course had not met you - implying that you were far too important for him to know you! His name is Eric Solomon and he is assist Prof of lit. at Columbus Ohio. His enthusiasm about Crane reminded me of the way you talk about HIM - I hope to hear a lot more of your stories one day, quite soon & hope. We are fairly well, though Sunny is still overburdened with his job. He is the interminable meetings with architects and hop committees

That get him down, but he is improving. I am very busy as always. I am going to Sweden in April, Barcelona in May, Moscow in August (for the biochemical congress) and Rio in October. After that we have to start writing our book and that will take every bit of the winter. Never mind, it is all part of the fun. I was sorry to hear that the poor Greek lady went into coma before she could come to London. At least it saved her another ghastly operation. She is better off really. Our grandchildren are growing up fast. Joseph and Benjamin are already at school and Tabitha is now getting house trained and is beginning to talk. I am very anxious to hear all about Roberta's illness and progress. So please write a short note. Did you suffer from the cold winter? We heard terrible accounts of the weather in New York. We did not have a single day of winter this year and now the spring is well advanced and it is real ~~spring~~ ^{French} weather. It would

be such fun if you lived in London

Do come soon

Yours
Deb
and
Sunny

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Prof Leon Sedel

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July 28th 1960

Dear Leon,

We have been madly
busy, which you can see
from the fact that it has
taken us a month and a
half to answer your letter -
In fact I have only just
absorbed its contents properly
though I read it when it
arrived. We had a great
month of conferences and
meetings for which we had
to prepare papers and then
entertain the foreign visitors
and spend days on end at
the meetings themselves.

Everybody spends the winter
working furiously in the
research world; when the
summer comes, research
workers from every country
in the world meet together
and have a sort of giant
intellectual orgasm at
which all the ideas are aired
and criticised amid orgies
of good fellowship. It is
really very stimulating
and wonderful to meet all
ones references in the flesh
and hear their real views
on ones favourite subject -
Now that scientific journals
are so numerous that no
individual can possibly
keep up with their output

the real scientific communication occurs through the grape vine or the bush telephone or whatever it is called, at these private meetings.

This month 650 Thymian maniacs gathered in London for the first international

joint Conference since the War. Before that we had the international academy of pathology and before that I went to Brussels to give a paper at the Belgian yearly medical do. The most amusing experience there was having lunch in the ministry of the interior with all the medical pros & big shots.

These official luncheons
are something quite different
in countries like Belgium
& France where eating
is an art and a national
pride. I had never seen
food served up so elaborately
except in Brillat-Savarin's
book where menus of
19th century lunches
are described. Apart
from that I went to see
all the Flemish paintings
in Brussels, Antwerp &
Bruges in 3 days of
solid tramping & finished
up very foot sore, but it
was worth it.

Sunny and I have been
on holiday for the last

10 days. I had to write a chapter for a book so I was working most of the time and soon alternated between sleeping and planning his new Institute of Pathology. We enjoyed staying at home, especially as the weather is absolutely foul. We went to see the Picasso exhibition which is terribly impressive and will still be on when you come. I hope we will have the pleasure of seeing it again with you. I am so pleased you are coming to London, but what a pity Robertan will not be with you.

We always think of you
and the lovely times
we had with you last year.
When you come, our
children & grand children
will be with us and we
would very much like
you to meet them.

There are 2 or 3 good plays
on in London which you
will enjoy seeing.

We met your brother and
went to his lecture but I
confess I could not understand
it and I think he uses
too many big words even
in ordinary conversation
and that puts me off,
though he looks a very
sweet man and I am

Just he must be nice if
 he is your brother. I hope
 we will meet him more
 intimately when he comes
 back to London in August.
 Since I last wrote to you
 I read one or two more
 of your delicious essays
 on Henry James, as
 you know I am a fervent
 admirer of your work.
 I am sure the massive
 task you have set yourself
 with the 47 letters will be
 very worthwhile and enjoyed
 by thousands of people.

I also read Germaine Brée's
 book on Camus, very good &
 thought. What a terrible
 thing he was killed so
 stupidly.

You must be enjoying yourselves
on your island now
but as we don't know the
address, I have to hope they
will forward my letters.

Can't you bring Roberta
with you after all? Or is it
her work that is keeping
her at home this autumn?

Anyway, please give her
mine & Sony's love.

Did you know that Sony has
been made Professor of Pathology
in one of the biggest medical
schools in London? It is a
wonderful opportunity for him
and he is very happy.

Lots of love from us both
Yours ever Deborah

25 Alma Sq NW8

Feb 21st 1960

Dearest Leon & Roberta,

I think about you a lot
and wish you lived in London.
I was most touched by your
Christmas present of your book
on literary biography but wanted
to read it carefully before
writing. That is no excuse at
all of course because I
could have easily written
twice. Anyway I can't tell
you how much I enjoyed
reading it. It was just like
listening to Leon when he held
forth to us about Henry
on our tour of his various
homes last Summer. Now
I am longing to read yours

look on the psychological work.
Sebastian borrowed our copy but
I will get it out of the library
next week end. Sunny and I
miss you both very much.
Every time we go to the theatre
we remember how nice it was
to go with you. We are pretty
lonely really except at
Xmas when the house was
overcrowded. We spend most
of the time working and keeping
up with the medical literature.
I had read most of the examples
you quote in your book except
the Portrait of Zeluide which you
have made me want to read
from your description.

We have been to see a few
plays since you left. One
of them was a very fine
production of Rosmersholm

with Peggy Ashcroft. The other great artistic pleasure of the winter was seeing an operatic production of Stravinsky's Oedipus Rex with marvellous modern sets by a young Algerian. The people were made to look half statue & half human and this made you feel as though they had come all the way from ancient Greece to Sadler's Wells - otherwise London is a bit of a stand still in the theatre. Last night we went to the new play that is being acclaimed at the moment The Wrong side of the Park by John Hare. All about an awful hysterical woman and so badly constructed. Did we see you since we were in Paris? We saw a marvellous film Les liaisons dangereuses.

The film de Gaulle would allow to
be shown abroad. That made
me read the original which
is most ~~original~~ and an interesting
I suppose it is one of the texts you
teach the students. We read
Ernest Jones' memoirs lately - that
was great fun. His nephew the son
of Wilfrid Trotter is a great
friend of ours and devotes his
life to the thyroid gland. Wilfrid
Trotter as you know was one
of the greatest English surgeons
and by the way he was also
one of the first admirers of
Henry James and his son
Bob has a very early edition
of all James' works which his
father bought years and years
ago. Bob only loves Roses
apart from the thyroid gland
but he writes beautiful English
better than his father's & ^{is} ~~is~~ ^{master of the} ~~best~~ ^{hand}.

What have you been doing all the winter? Writing new books, I suppose. I don't expect you to waste valuable time writing to us but I should love to know how you both are.

Roberta, are you also writing books and articles all the time? Our granddaughter is very lovely and is now nearly 8 months old. We had a photo of all three children recently. Today we went to see Vivian & Tadé and Théa came from Cheltenham. Vivian has just pulled off a property deal and for the first time in his life he paid all his debts and even has money left over. He immediately bought himself sumptuous hand woven clothes and sent his wife skiing in Switzerland. He is such

a sweet man but he never
succeeds in actually putting
up any of his great buildings.
He has a beautiful model of
a large hotel he planned for
Park Lane but the bankers
backed out at the last minute
and that is how he got several
thous and instead of the job.

Thadé is saddled with a wife
who is a very gifted painter but
a very pathological ~~life~~ partner.
she makes scenes all the time
and lives on sleeping pills.
Then there was their famous belly
brother Sacha. Did you ever
hear the Romantic tale? Mr
Pilly senior their father had
a love affair with a very beautiful
Polish lady before he married
Mrs Pilly. With this lady he
had a son Sacha - The Pilly

Children only heard about
 Sacha at the age of abt 40
 when their mother told them the
 story. Thadé found Sacha in
 Geneva and it was a wonderful
 experience for them all to find
 this older brother, spit image of
 their father and a real Pilly
 in character. As a child he
 never knew he was Pilichovsky's
 son.

This is how much too long to
 read. We listen to Alitai's
 Cook every Sunday and that
 keeps us in touch with America
 a little. When shall we make
 that trip to Spain with you
 two? I hope it is soon.

Lots of love to you both from
 Sunny and me.

They are reviewing your latest
Henry James, his first novel
with your introductory essay
in the Observer today.

Yours ever

Deb.

25 Alma Square, London N.W. 4.
February 4th, 1960

My dear Leon and Roberta,

We were so delighted with your greetings, photograph and book that it is very bad of us not to have written before now to thank you. We think of you often and wonder how you are enjoying Cambridge; very much, I imagine, and I am sure Harvard is enjoying you. Christmas, when we wanted to write to you, was pleasantly and totally chaotic. The role of grandparents left us exhausted but full of pleasant memories after the children left. Deb and I slid quickly back into the work routine. Deb is going past guns with her tests and experiments and much of her "free" time is spent reading the journals. This is shocking really because we miss our friends and most of the other side of life. I'm afraid I'm much in the same boat - teaching, writing and doing experiments too as well as carrying on with my routine jobs so that in the evenings are mostly not fit for detective stories and whisky. The last item is not serious because it's so expensive.

Of course the picture is not so rigid in reality because we meet lots of interesting stimulating people at work and do so not occasionally. Just now we're arranging at long last to modify the flat - turn the present kitchen into our bedroom - it's a very sunny room, and Vera's room into the kitchen dining room. And then we'll start inviting people round again.

London is as lovely as ever, though tending to be choked up with cars and shooting up a number of 16 storey buildings so come back soon. Love from Penny. Deb is not tonight but I'm sure she sends her love too, to you both.



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Oct 5th 1959

Dear Leon & Roberta,

Sunny and I are sitting
 in a restaurant in one of
 the back streets near the Odéon
 with the sun shining on the lovely
 old houses and we are thinking
 of you (naturally). We wish you
 were here with us. If we lived in
 the same town I feel we would
 want to live in your pocket
 as your company was so
 attractive to both of us. We
 are spending a few days in
 this paradise as I had to give
 a paper to some French Indogermanists.
 We hope you are enjoying the
 new Cambridge. To us the old Cambridge
 is the one in England. Lots of love
 Yours Deborah

4-PM
 OCT 9 1959

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Mr Leon Edel

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25 Alma Square,
London N.W.8.
May 3rd., 1959

My dear Leon,

Delighted to hear of your probable holiday - will it be a holiday? - in Europe this summer. Yes, I think we'll be in London during the whole of August. Our plans aren't settled. We thought vaguely of going to Italy in July or in September, but one always last minute make-up-minders. Det is invited to a number of congresses at home and abroad this summer and we are both committed once again to various contributions to books and journals sales, so I don't really see when we can take a few consecutive weeks off.

As my chief is away in the States, I am at the moment acting what I believe you call 'Chairman Professor'. This not unhappy but somewhat tiring state lasts about 2 months. The main difficulty is that another of my colleagues in the department is also away in the States, so that the administration is complicated by drastic shortage of staff. I hope you won't see too much significance in the repetition of the word state.

London is as lovely as ever and I hope you will let me join you and Roberta when you revisit some of your favourite



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places.

How about snoozing an hour or two at Lord's cricket ground!

Looking forward very much to your visit,

Love to both of you

from

Jimmy.

25 Alma Square,
London N.W.8.

January 29th. 1959

My dear Leon and Roberta,

I've often written to you, mentally, and drunk to your health in imaginary cool gin and tonic since coming back home. I'm so sorry that now I'm actually getting down to it, the news is sad.

(our daughter)
Vera died in October. Her health got rapidly worse this summer and we spent a quiet time during the holidays, mostly at home. She kept worrying that she wouldn't be fit enough to go back to college and was desperately anxious to finish the last year. Her doctors at hospital were most sympathetic; loaded her up with pills - antibiotics, diuretics, anti vascular spasmodics and my goodness she didn't feel stronger and went back to college. But after a few days she had a haemorrhage, was admitted sweetly to hospital and after a 2½ day fight died. I think that's how she would have wanted it - one week's college rather than 1 year's frustrated confinement to her room at home.

As you can imagine, Deb and I were heartbroken and at first very bitter that Vera had had to suffer so many years' pain and disappointments. I still don't see why.

But death seems to ^{have} ~~leave~~ a sort of numbing effect on the survivors which seems to have lasted about 3 months in our case. Meanwhile



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life goes on heartlessly and one laughs and enjoys things. We remember
^{happy} pleasant as well as sad episodes in Vera's life. I'm caught up in
lectures, making, experiments, visits to friends and can only rarely allow
myself the luxury of a quiet little moment. Deb is in the middle of
experiments, writing papers and lecturing here and on the Continent.

I hope you had a lovely and well deserved summer and
that life in the city is all you want it to be.

London is as pleasant as ever except that tonight we are in the
middle of one of the worst fogs for years. Coming home from hospital was
literally worse than in the wartime blackout. It would be romantic if it
weren't quite so inconvenient. The city is very silent, even the echoes are
muffled.

My love to you both,

ever yours,

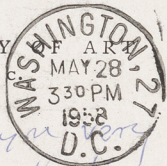
Sunny,



Washington
May 28th

NATIONAL GALLERY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

POST CARD



Dear Leon, Thank you very
much for sending on the tie.
Our paper and exhibit went
down all right at the Congress.
The Guest House was full so
I'm staying in the B.O.Q.
(Bachelor Officers' Quarters) and
am woken up by the daily
bugle (recorded.) I miss you
Love to you
and to Roberta from Larry P.S. I miss you
both.

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By CÉZANNE (1839-1906)

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18 Chestnut Street,
Boston, Mass.

May 11th, 1958

Dear Leon and Roberta,

just a line, as they say in
England, to wish you good morning and hello. The
sun's come out at last and I was taken for a pleasant
drive yesterday some way along (or is it in) Cape Cod.

I'm afraid that my movements on in an
extra state of flux because Deb wrote that a
pathologist in S. Francisco, whom we both know slightly, is
trying to organize some paid lectures for me there. If
they come off I'll shoot across. In any case I must stay no
longer in Boston in order to hear one way or the other. This
is no hardship. The city is very pleasant and I'm learning
lots and lots from the research going on here.

I'd like to thank you again for your hospitality,

love from

Sunny Dorioch.

18 Chestnut Street,
Boston, Mass.
May 11th, 1878

Dear Sam and Robert,

I'm afraid that my movements on an
extra state of flux because Bob wrote that a
pathologist in 2. America, whom we have known slightly, is
trying to organize some paid lecturers for us there. If
they come off I'll shut down. In any case I must stay in
Boston in order to hear one way or the other. This
is no hardship. The city is very pleasant and I'm learning
lots and lots from the resources going on here.
I'd like to thank you again for your hospitality.

Love from
Samuel Bowdler.