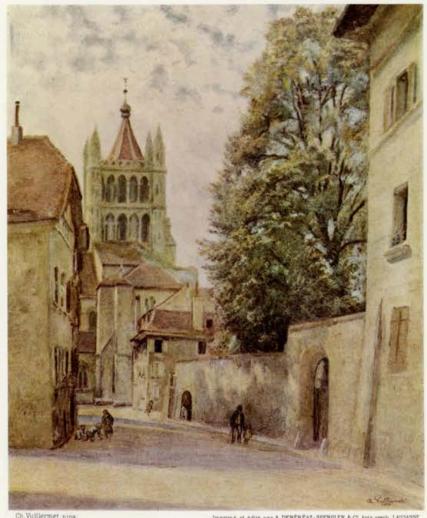
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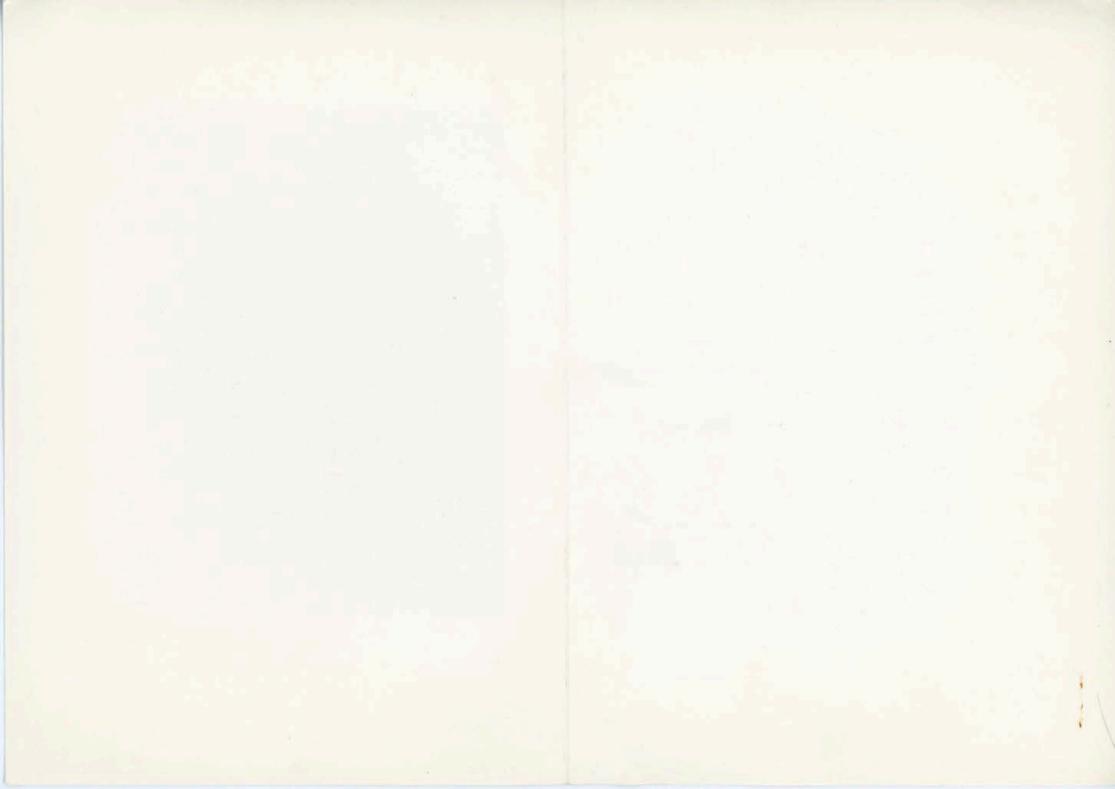
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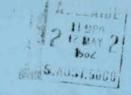
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Two psychiatrists: The second has to be a New Englander!

Permit to read PB notes: Thanks so much; I needed that!

Publishing: Good news indeed! I look forward to the promising results of your preeminent collaboration.

Retirement: Most welcome news! However, your so-called retirement seems like the start of a whole new career.

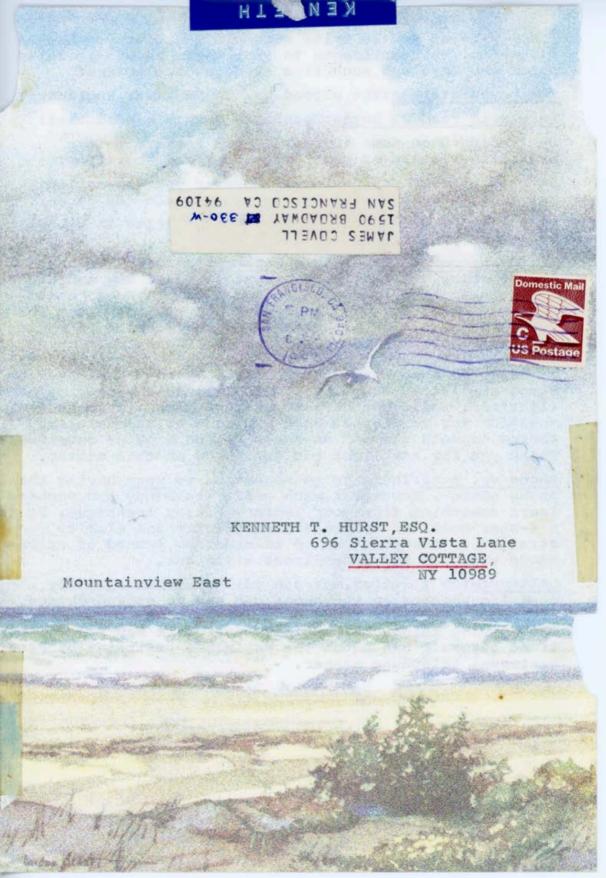
Mentalism: If you yourself are going to write that book, more power to you!

A high-priced, highly-prized incarnation: Over the years—35!!!? where did they go?—I have wondered now and again: "What is it like to be the son of a Sage?" As a "centuries-old soul" you must have done many things right for many lifetimes. In the house of a Sage success is easier on this path. "However, "PB says(Inner Reality)" such a birth is very hard to obtain. The tremendous advantages of being PB's son have to be offset by sometimes onerous responsibilities, occasional frustrations and searing humiliations. Would you care to address yourself to that question for me, please? What are some of the nettling thorns beneath the bed of roses hidden from us outsiders? Thank you for any light you can throw on this matter.

Phone vs. mail: There is no objection to your having this phone number. However, I much prefer to study and perhaps learn something from your letter-writing technique. It is a 4-star model of epistolary simplicity and clarity, straight to the point, brief, informative, pruned of extraneous vagaries and superfluous effusions.

Letters: With a letter, one can edit, condense, simplify and re-write, whereas on the phone one has no second chance. My Gallic garrulity traps me at times by an exces de zele into saying things better left unsaid. It may take lifetimes before I can match the desirable restraint of PB's masterful telephone manner.

In affectionate spiritual fraternity,



June 9, 1982

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Dear Mrs. Cooper:

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"Many follow His teachings but only few know His great human love and friendliness Common sense, psychological understanding and concern for others were abundant in this spiritual Colossus."

- Sri B.S. Ranganadham

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"Bhagavan is really my mother, my father, my God, my all I do not know how I deserved His attention, tender care and affection. I prostrate to Him, again and again."

- Smt. Lakshmi Ranganadham



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Sri & Smr B.S. Ranganadham from Nellore are here providing spiritual satisang to Telugu-speaking devotees. Sri S.G. Devaraj came with his wife and daughter and a host of his relatives, including his sister and brother-inlaw, for a brief stay. Everyone, especially the children, enjoyed their stay. Sri Devaraj surprised us by suddenly appearing, one fine morning, with a clean shaven head. When he came to know of the existence of Sri Natesan, the barber who regularly shaved Bhagavan, he was prompted to perform this gesture of surrender!

David Lawrence, a sincere devotee from the States, stayed at the Ashram for more than a month, along with his friend Bob Sals. He wants to share his thoughts with his fellow-devotees:

"I feel very grateful to have had the calling to return to Arunachala after a period of nearly eleven years. The desire to return was always there, but not with Bhagavan's blessings.

"From the first moment I was there, it was as if there had been no time lapse or separation at all. It was clear that the separation had been in my own mind. So many doubts were cleared and some new teachings in the deeper realms of silence were revealed.

"I am very thankful to everyone at the Ashram who provided such a warm gracious atmosphere and left one as free to pursue one's sadhana."

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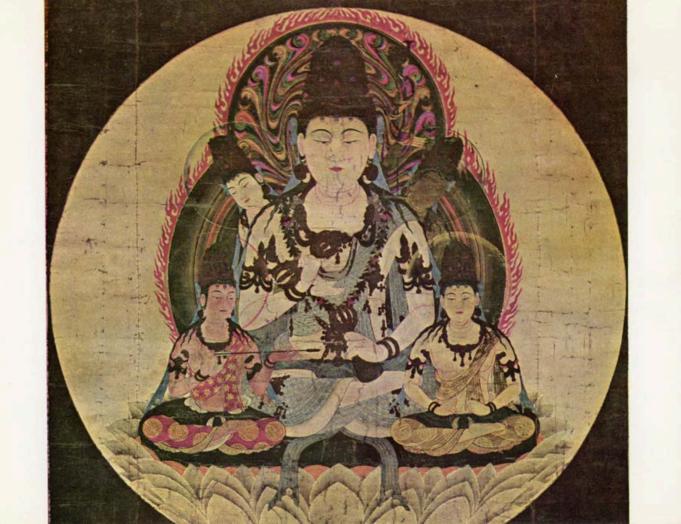
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Dear Kenneth:

Gathering the notion from phone calls that you may be pretty much away for the summer, I'm sending the enclosed along to you in advance of any meeting we may consumate.

It was addressed to you as publisher, my correspondent not aware of your retirement. I think, in any case, it is something of high interest to persons like you and me, and you may have some ideas on what to do with it.

Describing the nature of a very old civilization, it is fascinating, and shatters many preconceived notions. Earlier, as you will see, Planetary Citizens printed a small article on it, as we have personal connections with Anne-Sophie.

Another charming bit I am including is a recent letter from Vera Stanley Alder in which she recounts the influence of Paul Brunton on her life. I thought you would enjoy it. She is now in her 80's and an utterly charming lady.

I hope you are relishing your newfound freedom (to do more, and sometimes less than you were doing!)

Your friend,

Donald Keys

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As to Babadschi, he is the Guru of the late Sri Yukteswahr (excuse wrong spelling, It won't be correct) who was the Guru of Yogananda, who writes about him in his autobiography. There was another book written by a German lady where it is said that he always appears as a young hadnsome man for about 200 years or more and this is for the first time he has allowed to be presented to the public and be taken pictures of him. As the lady puts it he says that because the mankind has reached the lowest degree possible of its character, the Nature's forces will be loosened and flatten the surface of the planet and only 1/4 of the poupl tion will remain. Though he represents Krya Yoga teaching, he says that everybody should remain in the religion he has been brought up and all should pray to God in the way they know.

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As to Babeduchi, he is the Guru of the late Sri Yukhenwahr (excuse wrong spelling, It wont t be correct) who was the Guru of Yogenemia, who writes about him in his autobiography. There was another book written by a German lady where it is waid that he always appears as a young bedunome man for about 200 years or more and this is for the first time he has allowed to be presented to the public and be taken listures of him. As the lady puts it he says that because the manking has reached the lowest degree pursible of its character, the Nature's forces will be lowested and flatten the surface of the planet and only 1/4 of the pour tion will remain. Though he represents Krys planet and only 1/4 of the pour tion will remain. Though he represents Krys brought up and all should pray to God in the way they know.

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My dean Kerrett Hubst

On two occasions, once PB had begun to try to guide me onto the right path, I let two questers influence me into making my first wrong decision of major proportions and a third quester into making my second wrong major decision, despite his wise counsel to ignore their unwise suggestions.

In each case the decision naturally precipitated disastrous consequences: in emotional agony in one and in total

bankruptcy in the second.

So I am in no frame of mind to act upon any other unrealized quester's suggestions any more as a result of these two painful lessons.

The idea of donating the correspondence file was meant to

be posthumous, not for any of my contemporaries.

In any case the peremptory instructions to ship the whole lot instanter was altogether impracticable and unrealistic. Had I felt free to let anyone read them during my lifetime, it would have involved a long laborious process lasting one or two years: to photocopy each piece, to decide which were too trivial to contribute much, edit them carefully, fill in missing dates, type out some handwritten ones that would not easily be legible when xeroxed, and remove every trace of personal identification from the text.

Thus the very timing itself would probably have made it all unsuitable for your purposes. However, disappointing as this may be, I am sure that your own personal treasure-trove of incomparable memories and personal correspondence with PB contain ample material for the task you have in mind. No other quester's file could possibly compete with the wealth of material and intimate insights which your unique experience among all his students as his own son and legal heir have provided you with. It means that no other quester is as highly qualified, as uniquely situated or as naturally indicated as you are to produce a work which will surely be welcomed by

many many readers. I hope to be one of the first among them.

So while I regret that I am obliged to decline your gracious request, I feel that your ambitious project cannot possibly suffer irreparable harm because my personal file is unavailable for it at this time.

I cannot afford to repeat the miseries I suffered as a result of three other questers' ideas of what I

should do.*

Besides, and finally, I am much too deep into Perspectives to spare much time for the detailed and less important work entailed in preparing the correspondence for perusal.

Understanding this best and most difficult text and applying its most practical and useful wisdom in my life and character are a full-time job, harried and hurried by time's flying strides, to profit by it to the best of my ability before volume two hits the bookstores this November. And I am such a painfully slow learner!

Nevertheless, I wish you all the best with this monumental undertaking and look forward with anticipation to perusing the fruit of your worthy effort.

Your eulogistic fellow-quester,

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P.S. This is no indictment of anyone for what happened to me. I alone am responsible for all the misfortune that befell me, but the injection of others influence into my final decisions cannot be altogether discounted.

Lear Kenneth,

here I am again. First of all let me and my friends wish you a very good New Year 1986 %

I have heard nice news - the second book has slready been published in 13. and here it is going to be published as well. We have not yet finished the translation of the lors ective. volume No.1 but I think we shall be quick enough to be ready to translate the second volume after we get it. Daniela has subscribed at the Watkins and was told she'll be sent the book immediately when it will be out for sile. All the books sent from here - both Essays and the Perciectives arrived - thanks God - in different ways in our country so that some of us who know English have got them.

There are some questions I would like to have explained if possible: 1) He do not understand the way the capital letters are used in the Essays. Very often they seem to be used incorrectly, i.e.:

Page No 50 - last paragraph, 1st line

"At such times, it is the soul that takes control of his everyday self." OX alio / ... (some para reth, 2nd line from below) "For the celf he now re lizes is a superior to the ordinary"

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These are examples chosen at r ndom, but there are any contradictions in this sense.

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- 3) Enclosed you will fine the copy of the letter I promised last year to send to you should I come here again. We believe this is a letter from the war time sent to Mme Beech. Anyway, the Short Path is already clearly marked there.
- 4) The Perspectives, page 162 the paragraph concerning the future of the mankind, nuclear war, does it come from earlier times or from the time before PB passed away? I wrote to you that we had the prophecy by him in 1948, but later at the time of the Carribean crisis we got a letter where he said if the political leaders would succeed in making peace, no one should be afraid of the future. This was because "PB and some others have decided to help and this resulted in a meeting held by then political leaders".
- 5) I am also enclosing a letter sent to me by Dr. Otmar Koch. I anwered that I did not know any living relatives of B. Lussi and asked if there would be any possi bility to have my daughter get books or photographs and letters (so that this would not come into wrong hands) as the could sort it and keep what is of importance for here. Of course I ment just to save what we worth and send it to you as Biance was in close touch with PB. She told us in person that she was asked by him to burn some of the writings but since she had no oven where to have it she still had something left.

 I also asked if he or employe else could inform us what happened to her, but no enswer arrived. I understand, of course, he is a rabble solicitor and is not interested in private metters of people whom he has never not before. I am sending this official letter by La. Local just for your information, may be you know more than I do. Do not send this letter by the net to no. I shall not need it anymore.
- 6) Olga is sending her heartiest regards. She asks, whether you know what happened t with the Tibether bell, which PI rang to her and her husband. Olga was enchanted by its sound. She is well and does a lot of translating, as she known English perfectly well.

And this is walls for today. I hope I am not theing such of your time. Here I intend to stay untill the middle of March if possible. If you be so kind and onese my letter, you know, we all are grateful for you information regarding everything.

With loving greetings, yours

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Dear Kenneth, I have just received two pieces of correspondence between PB and his faithful student Un Hornowel (deceased), which I feel you will be able to mare use of. They are enclosed, and further items may follow whenever possible. also thank you for your letter received a few weeks ago. I have raised the issue of an koch elc. with my mother. She says that she mere received any replay from himy nor any of her (and Bianca's) friends. apparently any correspondence regarding this is now with you, to I would ask you if it is possible for you to let me have Dr Koos's address and any reference munter on his letter , also b'anca's full name and last known address. I shall try to write

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to him reminding him of my mother's regrest to pass any information to me. It is our opinion that he is a lawyer who camied out his tarie duty in this case and there is not any deeper fersonal involvement. However, not knowing how legal probate affairs in twitzerland are earnied out, it is worth a dry getting in track with him again, hopefully to receive a reply of tome tout.

I would be very spateful if you could supply me with the necessary suformation as some as possible, if you think there is a chance.

I hope your project is still progressing well, and you are in good health. I looking forward to your reper,

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Davida B.

Dear Kenneth.

first of all, let me wish you and all your friends, working so hard, a good start to the New Year and a good health from us all.

I am sorry not to be able to come to my daughter this time, but do hope this letter will reach you even under different circumstance

Olga has already got all four volumes and is expecting the fifth which was supposed to be pumblished last month. So I had the chance to go through shortly when visiting her and we both find each volume being an unexhaustible well, with always new attitudes, new advice and new guidance. We only hope that we shall by granted by Fate some more years to finish our work or at least

to be able to read them before we pass away.

I found some interesting differences between the statements in the book and between what we were dictated by PB when he visited us 36 years ago. First one is regarding the new Messiah. He now says /in my words as far as I can remember it/- that mankind cannot expect new Messiah any more, but will have to make one or some out

from themselves. We were told /a part of his lecture/:

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This new woold religion will include some simple elementary meditation as well as prayer. It will state some of the laws which

govern the universe as well as human life.

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As to Bianca, you understand how difficult this was for me, Dani explained to you what the situation was like and I am interested very much, whether it was possible to rescue her books and her correspondence with PB. I do hope it was not thrown away.

The last item is, if you could some time explain us page No 34 /The Quest/ para 21 and 22. The meaning is not clear to us.

Well, enough for today though the "chat" with you is always warmest greetings and love from all of us, a pleasure to me, despite the distance.

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Dear Kenneth,

I am again in England and would like to send you our best greetings from Prague from our friends as well as from my daughter.

I was glad to hear that you could use the material sent to you by us. There are other letters by PB but it is hard to decide which one would be of greater interest to you, the best would be if you could select them yourself, but to mail them from our country is difficult. Besides, I am enclosing two more pictures which might interest you, taken in 1948 when PB arrived in Prague and was met by his friends at the airport. The picture with five persons from left: the officer, Lida, Mr.Capek (about whom PB said - I think Arno was the only one to understand the Short Path), PB and Josef. The other one from left: Josef, PB, Mr.Elger and the same officer, all of them PB&s friends and students.

We have translated the Essay's, the Perspectives, and nearly finished the Quest. Olga has started translating volume three. To get the books to our country is not easy, but as you see despite the difficulties with the protection of the Higher Power we have got them so that it is possible to present them to other students who do not know English. There are sometimes problems with translating some paras; may I ask you for explanation of the following?

Perspectives, page No 69, second para :

" But, after all, these qualities are only the negative prerequisites of spiritual realization. They are not realization itself. "

What are the negative prerequisites? Olga found in Volume III that negative may equal to passive. Is this correct? With in Vis Case

Quest page No 42, para 96

" If the Quest seems to demand too much from us, that depends on what we ourselves demand from life. The statement is true only if we ask for little, but false if we ask for much."

We do not understand the sense; Should there not be an opposite formulation?: The statement is true only if we ask for much, material but false if we ask for little?

Volume III page 26, para 197

The last words of the para :

"Short Path itself a paradox of passivity and non-effort, a movement of sight to insight, of faith and identification."

Does this mean, that there is nothing more to believe in, to have faith in, to identify with? Because now he only is?

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Do you think that the negotiations between Reagan and Gorbatschov may be the chance for a better world with more peaceful life and more freedom for many nations like us for instance? The chance for PB's ideas and similar to penetrate on a wider scale among other people? Since yoga as such is allowed in our country, there seems to be a great interest in it among young people and it would be a grace if they could read PB's books or other books on spiritual theme. Well, if the time ripens, this will be possible. I remember being told that when Vivekananda was travelling through Prague, he said: it would be enough to strike a match here and a spiritual fire will burst out.

We are astonished at the depth of so many new approaches in PB's notebooks, I have a feeling that I only now have started to have a dimidea what the Quest really is. How great all the work of PB, of you and your other friends. One cannot be thankful enough. And so many new instructions and new inspirations!

And now, taking again leave of you after this short time spent with writing this letter to you, I want to inform you, that we are leaving England on May 3rd and shall stay in Belgium at my husband's sister for one more week. In case you get this letter in time you will have time to answer it, you might send it to me to our Belgian address:

Mrs. A.Tonnaer 1, Fonteinstraat 8020 Oostkamp Belgium

Should we be there no more, they would send it to my daughter who will arrange for letting me have your answer in some way.

With our loving greetings, yours

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Thank you for your assistance .

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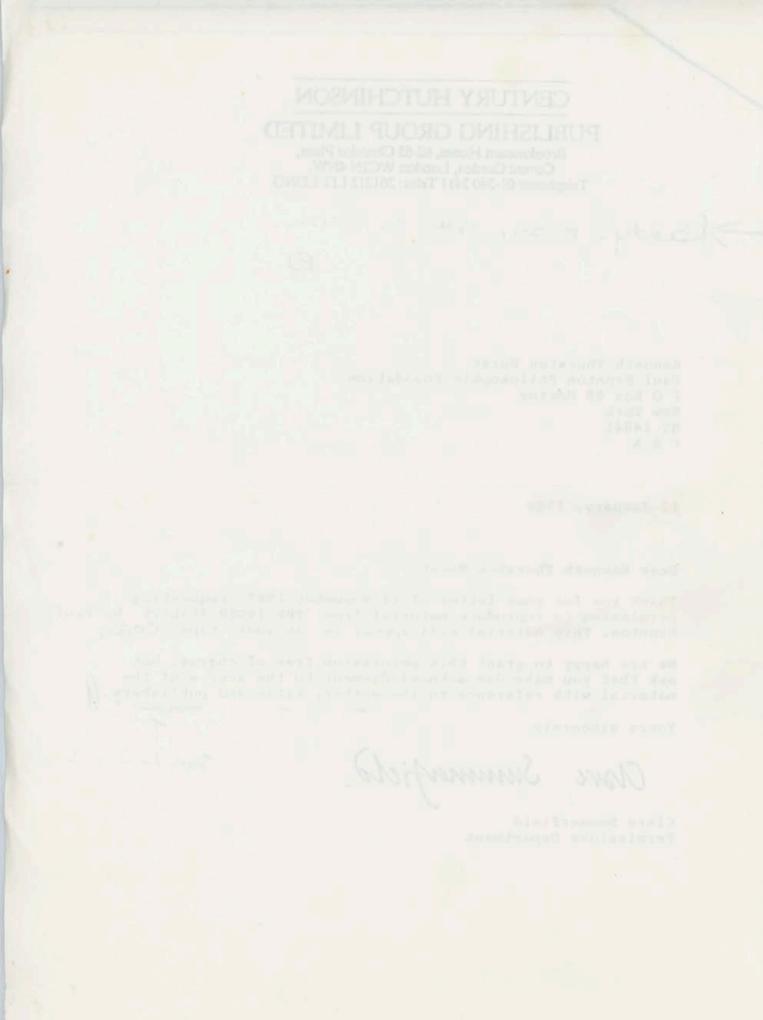
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My mother is couring here mid-January for a visit 1 two months mayle, to I hope it will be possible for her to voite to you then. On the meantime, please accept all fest wishes from us and muchael friends,

With Kindess regards,

Daniela

Horsham, January 25th,1990

Dear Kenneth,

we arrived here last week. I was pleased to read your letter and am very glad you are all right as I was anxious that something happened to you since my two letters from the last year remained unashwered.

I have contacted Mrs.Folprecht who sent a letter to you, and another gentleman, whose letter was sent direct to our country. Thanks for that.

The events in our country are really great. I remember Pb when discussing the problem of our "liberty" with him - I still can see his energetic movement of his hand - when saying " no, it won't last any longer !" A friend of mine, a lady aged 88 and of a very developed mind, said - when her husband and me doubted if the "velvet revolution" would be a success - " I am glad to have lived to see it. This is the end of communism here; behind these events there are mighty spiritual powers, I know it !" Unfortunately she died just one day before Christmas Eve.

We have translated more than half of the series zf by F and are thinking of the possibility to publish some of them. The situation with publishing material is very critical /page so that it is only an idea for the time being, but it may be realized one day. And we know there will arise problems like how to pay for the author rights, how to get legal consent to publish the translation etc. Any ideas ? Let us hope it will be possible to settle, I believe in the spiritual future of our nation.

Today Dalai Lama, who is a friend of PE, is visiting Prague and is going to have a meditation with our president. Besides, he is going to have some open meeting with the public.

Well, that's all for today. Wishing you as always all the best, with loving greetings from us all,

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My daughter has elready ordered your book and I am expecting it any day and am any much looking forward to it. Anything concerning PB is always of great interest to us.

I know Josef Hornowsk very well, we were I can say close friends. I worked ith himst the same firm, only one room divided us there. He was the first to invite Pu to Czechoslovakia and always managed for all necessary things regarding the correspondence with Ps etc. He passed away at his sixtieth, which was a loss for us. E tried very much to help him and I remember Josef told as that these three days after his operation - accusely the worst for other: - were the most beautiful for him as his state of mind was somehow completely taken over by Ph's mind.

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Dear Kenneth,

I have just received news from my friends in Prague informing me that there is the first real chance to have our translation published, and asking me to contact you in this respect. This is why I am approaching you again with a request - what should be done on our part to get your authorization needed.

As I informed you in my letter when I last visited Daniela /December 1983/ our translation had been spread in a chain-way among people unknown to us through copies typed by different students. As a result we found out that there were mistakes done, too, because of a different skill in retyping.

The political situation now changed, publishing our single original and controlled text would put this attuation which could not have been avoided to an end not to speak about the fact that the books being now available to a broad audience would be also given the flight handling and publicity they deserve.

Since our hope might come true is the foresceable future and in case we are successful, we would like to be prepared for the negotiations with the publisher as such as they start. We would very much appreciate if you could supply as with any necessary information as soon

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With best regards

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P.3.: Deniels sends her best regards, too.
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26-2.1990: Defore I managed to mail the above written letter to you, your enswer which I did not even hope to a ceive, arrived. I was so happy to hear you are well and clive as I was waiting nearly the whole year to have any news about you. As you in the meantime I have been informed about the success in finding someone in Prague ready to accept our translation for publication and that is why I have written the enclosed request to the Philosophical Found tion. Excape me if I do not use a correct form. Both, Daniels and myself, think that the Last way i to mail this to you and you after considering it could must it on to the up a grists accepte a cling with this matter. Thunk you!

In one of my letter from the last year I sted you if it would be possible for you to give us some addresses here in England. There are sometimes questions crising during translating of PB's Notebooks so that while I am here I could discuss the problems it in them. Decides it would be very pleasant to know someone who has the same interest as we do. I am leaving

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Dear Kenneth,

Your letter was awaiting my return from 6 weeks in England and Greece: hence the delay in

answering.

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the summer is out, and would love to see you.

At present were in a bit of a whish, still
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PB Essential Beading is due for publication in UK 20th Sept.; in USA, by Harger & Row, about 2-3 months later. I think the £750 advance should finally

have reached the coffers of the PBPF, after vikedible barrancratic delays. At least the £ is worth more than it was when the contract was drawn up! Sales of the early booklets have slowed and stopped; my expenses are just about Versers have by covered. This is good, in a way, because there will be copies around for a good long time, for goach. late discoverers of this bibliographic varity... While I was in London I picked up time copies of Michael Fisk's Occult Observer Mar hat been in the Atlantis Bookshop since his day: a case in point. Thank you for your kind words about my Mystery Religions. Looking forward to seeing gon, Yours Joselyn.

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Dear Mr. Hurst,

It is with profound gratitude that I write you. Thank you for the wonderful book on your Father. ("Paul Brunton: A Personal View"). I have been reading and studying the books of this wise man for many years and have longed for more insight into the man himself...and here you have provided me with this exceptional biography.

Mr. Hurst, I like you very much and appreciate to the fullest the way you presented the Father-Son relationship. You are both gentlemen...yes, gentle men, filled with a great Soul force that is powerful.

More than twenty years ago, my hustand an I were in New York City with our two young children. We were staying at the Plaza Hotel and on a morning stroll down 5th Avenue, I directed my family into the nearby Doubleday Book Store on a strong impulse. The thildren rebelled a bit but for some reason I walked directly to the Religion Section and immediately saw "A Search in Secret India" displayed and I actually clutched it to me. I was a lifelong Scots-Presbyterian and while always a religious person, the spiritual life had not yet been awakened. We left the book store and continued our long day of sight-seeing and I felt a lovely glow within as I carried this unknown book with me all day. I couldn't wait for a quiet time to myself to explore this book. This was the beginning of my Quest and a grand awakening. I'm sure you have heard many stories like this one, but once again 't proves the Infinite Invisible (as Joel Goldsmith says) is a Reality. I had never heard of Paul Brunton until that day and all I'd ever heard of India was it was full of 'heathers'. God is so good to me! Imagine starting me off on my Quest with such a high soules Paul Brunton!

Thank you again, sir, for this lovely book. You are indeed a kind and loving man to share your experiences. I thank you for bringing me this joy.

Elizabeth Hedges Barritt
(Mrs. George O.)

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314 Hangleton Road, Hove, East Sussex BN3 7LN. England. 14th. August 1993.

Dear Mr. Hurst,

Re my correspondence with the Foundation I enclose my article "The World-Mind" about Paul Brunton and ask your permission to include the quotes therein. If you were agreeable to these quotes I had intended to offer the article to Prediction, published in Britain. However, if you approve of the article and feel it might be published in USA I shall be happy to leave this to you.

I wrote it (including the opening part about Somerset Maugham's "The Razor's Edge") before I read your book "Paul Brunton: A Personal View", which I found moving and fascinating as I had often wished that I knew more about his life. Strangely enough, I had often speculated privately that Somerset Maugham might have based the main idea behind "The Razor's Edge" on Paul Brunton's search for a sage in India although the main character Larry's private life would of course have been entirely fictional. So I was fascinated to see from your book that they did meet in 1938 and that the novelist retraced his steps to the Ramanashram.

My wife and I spent 8 months in Perth, Western Australia in 1988-9 so I was intrigued to see that you and your father had also been there. It was there for the first time that I learned, on the back of one of his books in Angus and Robertson, of the exact date and place of Paul Brunton's passing.

To your father's books I owe the return of my faith after the war for, having seen a Europe in ruins during my army service I had doubted all religions unless there was some underlying, basic meaning. He showed me through his writings that such a basic meaning exists and for that I shall be grateful to the end of my days.

With kindest wishes,

Frank Preston

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In his classic novel "The Razor's Edge" Somerset Maugham told the story of Larry Darrell, a young man who rejected what could have been a prosperous career and sought instead the meaning of existence. Such a man existed in real life and went further in his search for truth than the fictional Larry or possibly anyone else living in the western world. When Dr. Paul Brunton died in Vevey, Switzerland on 27th. July 1981 he left behind him superbly written books on yoga, mysticism and philosophy. His books are sufficient in themselves and the only purpose of this article is to try, however inadequately, to give some idea of their contents in the hope that some who may not have heard of his writings but would find in them the answers they seek will be induced to delve into their pages for themselves. His books mentioned herein were published by Rider (now an imprint of Random House UK Ltd.)

"A Search In Secret India" (1934) tells of his travels in that vast land in search of any surviving remnants of the great sages of India. He sought a personal enlightenment, not second hand knowledge, and encountered fascinating characters ranging from fakes or self-deluded prophets to genuine Yogis.

But this was no guided tour conducted in comfort and safety.

Drinking in country wells, eating often unsuitable food, dealing with all manner of strange, sometimes dangerous men, wore him down both mentally and physically. He had abandoned the fruits of hard-won success for this spiritual quest but finally returned to Bombay, ill and so dispirited that he booked passage back to England, feeling that he had wasted his time.

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to a cinema during the few days he had left before sailing and, hitherto always able to derive comfort from losing himself in some filmed story, found no such relief. Instead an inner voice informed him that here he was but watching an illusion within the greater illusion of life. He left the cinema and wandered down to a quiet part of the seashore where the voice bade him examine his memory - had there been no one who could have helped him in his quest? In his mind's eye one face kept returning - that of the Maharishee of Arunachala (Hill of the Holy Beacon) - faraway in South India.

The Maharishee (or Great Sage) had impressed him more than any of the sages he had met. His message had been sublimely simple: "Ask "Who am I?" His very presence induced a spairitual atmosphere around him that brought mental peace to those in his vicinity, so much so that Brunton's carefully prepared, eager questions fell away from him so that they no longer seemed important. But, after a two week's stay Brunton's busy schedule had enforced his departure and now, reflecting on these matters, knowing he should return he was pulled in two directions - that he should return to the Maharishee - but that he was too ill and worn out to make the attempt. Finally, some force within himself impelled him to take the first course, come what may.

It must have taken great courage to cancel his steam ticket and once again cross India but the fact that he did began his own spiritual enlightenment and the writings that have helped thousands of spiritual aspirants and people interested in philosophy and yoga. It may be that future generations will see that here was the beginning of the spiritual re-awakening of a too-materialistic civilisation.

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Under the Maharishee's guidance Brunton fell into a spiritual trance that lasted for nearly two hours. Thought had ceased yet he was still aware of who he was and what he was experiencing. He was pure consciousness, unhindered by body or brain, able to comprehend without the necessity for sequential thought. He felt gloriously free, surrounded by brilliant, living light, his normal little self replaced by In his words: "For something that is far superior to a higher Self. the unimportant personality which was I, some deeper, diviner being rises into consciousness and becomes me." This paragraph gives but the barest hint of his experience, the details of which are in the final pages of One important point is that he says : "....my battle for his book. spiritual certitude has been won,....without sacrificing my dearly held rationalism for a blind credulity."

In the December 1950 issue of "Prediction" Brunton wrote of the passing away of the Maharishee earlier that year. He wrote that he was "the one yogi whom I revered most, and his power was such that both Governor-General and ragged coolie sat together at his feet with the feeling that they were in a divine presence." The last message the Maharishee had sent to him through a friend was: "When heart speaks to heart, what is there to say?"

In Brunton's books there are meditation exercises of enormous value to any aspirant but obviously they cannot be compressed into a short article and, in any case, are best arrived at through the text which leads up to them.

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the Overself, a being of which we are normally unaware, yet ever waiting
above our heads.

In "A Search In Secret Egypt" (1936) he told of his night in the Great Pyramid of Gizeh, with psychic awareness of entities so horrifying that he declared he would never again spend such a night. These vanished finally to be replaced with a vision of two Ancient Egyptian priests, one of whom requested him to lie down. Brunton then went through the whole process of death to find himself floating above his body and looking down on it, attached to it by a silver cord of light. He was told this was the lesson of the Pyramid, that the human soul is deathless and that, just as we must penetrate to the depths of the Pyramid to find its hidden secrets, so we should seek our inmost depths to find our hidden souls.

He also met an Adept who warned of the dangers of opening the tombs of the Pharaohs, often guarded by evil entities artificially created in ceremonies conducted by priests who had degenerated into the practice of black magic. Although invisible to us they could and did affect our physical world, even to the extent of causing mischief between nations. Later, writing during the war, in "The Wisdom Of The Overself" (1943) he stated that Hitler, in semi-trances, had penetrated to the unseen domain of malignant entities using him as the ideal agent of their malevolent manipulations to plunge humanity into unprecedented violence and cruelty. Thus they hoped to prevent the dawn of greater spiritual enlightenment

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It was in "The Wisdom Of The Overself" that Brunton, claiming to be no more than a "blundering student," nevertheless brilliantly combined ancient teachings with present-day experience to produce a philosophy that he explained is "a fresh reincarnation and not a revivified corpse." It can be understood intellectually even by those of us who have little or no spiritual experience.

The basis of this philosophy is that the universe is a Thought inside the spiritual Mind of its Creator and that each human, deep within his or her self is linked with that Mind even though most of us do not suspect this. We live in a universe of thought, all else is illusion, i.e. whilst it exists it is not what it seems.

Only the body dies, releasing the spirit to a private, dreamlike world, perhaps meeting loved ones by a curious process of entering each other's dream; reviewing the experiences of the life just left and next falling into a dreamless sleep, resting from the burdens of the former life. Eventually we are reborn on Earth in a process of reincarnation embracing many lifetimes. Allied to this doctrine of rebirth is that of karma - that, basically, whatever I do of good or bad in life will return to me in this life or another. Thus I largely make my own fate.

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This hides a great secret: that all my knowledge of the world about me is my mental interpretation of what I am seeing, hearing etc.

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Science tells us that seemingly solid matter is not solid at all but consists largely of space within which whirl particles or waves of energy as far apart from each other relative to their size as the planets in the solar system. Brunton's philosophy tells us that the source of that energy is the immensely powerful force of the Creative Mind.

Brunton foresaw that the discoveries of quantum physics would lead eventually to physicists landing themselves in the realm of metaphysics. This now appears to be happening, albeit slowly due to the still materialistic viewpoint of most scientists who still seem to hold to the idea that the physical brain is the producer of thought rather than the transformer for a transcendental mind and that matter is somehow produced by a blind, meaningless force.

But some see the metaphysical implications of the discovery of the tenuous nature of matter as, for example, Dr. Fritjof Capra in his book "The Tao Of Physics" (Flamingo, 1985) in which he makes clear the links between quantum physics and eastern mysticism. Others, like Professor Paul Davies in his "God And The New Physics" (Dent, 1984) have considered the idea of an universal mind as one possible theory but, because there is no scientific way of proving or disproving it, have left it in abeyance. It would seem that it will be necessary for the scientist to become a mystic or the mystic a scientist for the final truth to be revealed convincingly to the world.

The death camp horrors disclosed at the end of World War 2 caused many to ask how such bestiality could emerge from a supposedly advanced and civilised humanity. Many lost what faith, if any, they had in a divine power.

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The individual, Brunton made plain, may be able to do little about the behaviour of nations, but he or she <u>can</u> attend to his or her own inner self and seek spiritual guidance. The more who succeed in doing this the greater the chance of influencing others by example. He says: "If there is any single message which philosophy gives the wayfarers on earth it is that there truly is this World-Mind in which our own little minds are mysteriously rooted and which is the inspirer of all that is benign and noble, serene and beautiful in our thoughts and feelings; that the full reverent awareness of its presence and conscious co-operation with its will, fulfil the ultimate purpose of human life and bring the extreme measure of human happiness."

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Sept. 1, 1993

Dear Mr Prestaw_

Perhibion approval enclosed. I like
Your article and am passing it to my
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publishing it in "Prediction."

A few years ago I had some published correspondence about "The Post & Edge" and PB and endose topics of it.

Thank you for writing your article. Acade accept my best wishes for your own Opinitual quest.

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I am sending this copy to your NY address in case you are still there. The original goes to Florida.

Prague, October 20th, 1993

Hello, dear Kenneth,

we were so pleased to hear that news regarding your visit to Prague! At last - we do hope, we shall meet face to face, after so many years.

And now to your questions - we are sorry to inform you that there exists no type of vegetarian hotel you mention. But to ask for vegetarian food anywhere now in Prague is no problem.

As to the lectures you intend to give in some university, this is a problem. As you know, we were working all the time unknown, because it was not desirable to meet in public. Antother reason is that we strictly followed PB's wish not to form any organized group so that we always met just as friends somewhere privately. Our translating was done again in secresy and we do not know all the readers /and there were many of them as far as we know/ who read our translation, that's why we are just a little circle of the PB's followers who will be very pleased to see you here. In case you will agree to meet only a handful of PB's ardent followers and friends, we shall be very happy and pleased to welcome you in Progue.

Prague is really a very beautiful city and you will not regret seing it and its surrounding so that it might be a nice experience for you from this point of view and we do hope this will not disappoint you.

Looking forward to meeting you in person and to your reply, we are sending you our loving greetings!

On behalf of all,

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Also could you please make a room reservation for me at a medium-priced hotel for 5 nights. And let me know the name, address and phone member. Naturally, I insist on paying myself for the hotel and all expenses.

With Kind regarde

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Dear Kenneth,

we were surprised to receive such a quick enswer dated October 30th. You need not worry about the name of the hotel, we shall arrange for it and shall let you know in time.

We shall certainly be waiting for you at the airport - you will have your "personal driver"/though without any livery/ and a car at your disposal throughout your entire stay here / the husband of Mrs.Formánková is going to retire and will be pleased to have some "job"/ - and shall make plans for you to meet some friends and to see what can be seen in such a short time.

We were also surprised to hear about your lecturing at Charles University, what time was it? It is very interesting.

I am not yet enclosing the list of questions you require because we must go through our notes, but these are mostly either misprints /we got later a list of some from your friends/ or words with puzzling meaning.

We are also glad that you are safe and that you did not suffer any harm through the big fire and some storms in Florida. Thanks God you are O.K.!

And now please accept our heartiest greetings. We do not need to stress that we are really looking forward

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Dear Kenneth,

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First I would like to inform you that we have booked a hotel for you: Pension City, Belgická 10, Praha 2 - Vinohrady, 120 00, at the price US \$ 50.- per 1 night. As to the vegetarian food, it will be OK.

I have re-read your " A Personal View " and would like to thank you once more for your decision to put down all those remarkable views - new for us - on PB in so much more personal light.

When reading the chapter on Transition, I could again not help my tears, as I somehow entered into the spirit of your feeling - though we know that there cannot exist any end to any being, parting of two people who love one another as much as it is in your case, is very hard, it is just taking leave for long. Well, Kenneth, you were granted such a gift - to have a father like you had - it really is worth the agony you had to go through. But when taken from the eternity, there is the nope and certainty that it is only for a short period and that meeting PB within the heart is possible every day, every minute.

To conclude let me express our heartfelt wishes for lovely Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year in which we sincerely believe we shall all meet. With our loving greetings,

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Dear Kenneth.

are you OK ? Has nothing happened to you ? We hear about those horrible events in your country, earthquake, fire and in northern part of America strong frosts - what a disaster!

This is only to confirm your letter dated Dec. 31 and inform you that the hotel reservation for your friend Dr.Arthur Broekhuysen has been booked and confirmed /hotel fax No: 6910977/.

We were glad to hear that news of your coming together with your friends and needles to say that we are very much looking forward to meet you both soon.

I hope to send you the promised list of questions there are not so many, as we think we have everything
solved in a correct way but some words are sometimes
not to be found in any dictionary f.e. "shibboleters,"
Volume 8, page 236, para 222 - in my next letter. Please
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With our best greetings to you and Arthur, on behalf of all of us,

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Dear Kenneth.

I am awfully sorry I must disappoint you and cannot keep my promise to send you the list of questions you are waiting for.

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Please, do excuse me for promising you what I now cannot fulfill. I do hope you will understand and will pardon me.

we are all so much looking forward to the D-day when we all shall meet; isn't it like a miracle?

A few years ago we would not have dreamed of such a possibility and now - only two months more!

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Mr. Kenneth Thurston Hurst c/o LARSON PUBLICATIONS 4936 Route 414 Burdett, NY 14818

Dear Mr. Hurst:

I have read and reread the loving biography of your father; Paul Brunton. I purchased the book when it was first published, and it is one of my treasures. Your father has been a true inspiration to me, and I have a photo of his peaceful countenance in my room.

The first book I read was The Secret Path, followed by subsequent other wrtings by your father. I was delighted when you decided to write about him. and I just wanted to say Thank You.

I do have a few questions, but you do not have to answer them personally.

1. What is the address of the Paul Brunton Philosophic Foundation, and how does one become a member? Same add 1831 as Passow! Will Doed you Pet outere.

2. 'Is Wisdom's Goldenrod Center still in existence, and where can I write to them?

May you be surrounded in Peace, Love and Light.

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Eleanor Cohen, Mgs.

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Trudie Azmoon

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Mr. Hans Heimer 27 Reading Drive Sale Cheshire England M33 5DJ

August 9th 1995

Dear Mr. Thurston

In my youth I was a devoted reader of your father's books, and since the recent publication of his notebooks, have renewed my interest in his writings. I found volumes 8 and 10 as well as your 'A Personal View' of great interest. I did in fact once write to your father, but unfortunately I never got a reply.

I am still a follower of Ramana Maharshi. Another devotee, David Godman who has lived in the Ramana Ashram, has recently published a number of books about Ramana Maharshi's teaching, especially as interpreted by some of his illustrious disciples. The latest is about one of these called Annamalai Swami; the book is called 'Living by the words of Bhagavan'. This book has some fascinating information about your father, and in case it has not come to your notice, I am taking the liberty of sending you a copy of the relevant pages.

It explains very clearly how your father was badly treated and thrown out of the ashram in 1939. It makes PBs comments about the event fully intelligible and corroborates his views as given in his notebooks and chapter 1, page 18 of The Hidden Teaching Beyond Yoga. I have been quite moved by these additional facts which have come to light 55 years after the event, showing that your father was the innocent party who had to bear his burden stoically. I am very glad that both Annamalai Swami and David Godman had the courage to put these matters before their readers. To me it is a testimony to your father's good character and a vindication of the fact that sooner or later,' the truth will out'.

With best wishes, yours sincerely,

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the various disturbances I had experienced I explained how I had come to find myself in this situation.

'I have this desire to live in a place where nobody visits. I feel another desire to get food without any effort. I also want to meditate constantly with my eyes closed, without seeing the world at all. These desires often come to me. Are they good or bad?'

'If you have desires such as these,' said Bhagavan, 'you will have to take another birth to fulfil them. What does it matter where you stay? Keep your mind always in the Self. There is no solitary place apart from the Self. Wherever the mind is, that place is always crowded.

'It is not necessary to close the eyes when you meditate. It will be sufficient if you merely close the mind's eye. There is no world outside you which is not in the mind.

'One who leads a righteous life will never make plans of this sort. Why? Because God has already decided what will happen to us even before sending us into this world.'

I should have anticipated this answer because it was contained in one of the verses from Sivānanda Lahari [verse twelve] which he had asked me to memorise many years before:

One may practise austerities in a cave, or in a house, or in the open air, or in a forest, or on top of a mountain, or standing in water, or surrounded by fire, but what is the use? O Sambhu [Siva]! Real yoga is the state in which one's mind constantly abides at your feet. One who has realised this state is a true yogi. He alone enjoys bliss.

During the 1930s I had often noticed Paul Brunton, the author of A Search in Secret India, in the ashram. We became better acquainted after I moved to Palakottu, largely through a misunderstanding which I shall explain later. Brunton's book, the first western publication to give an account of Bhagavan, brought a lot of new devotees to the ashram. In 1939, when I was living in Palakottu, Chinnaswami tried to prevent him from entering the ashram.

He told him, 'You should not come for Bhagavan's darshan any more. You should not write about Bhagavan in future and you should not ask Bhagavan any questions.'

Chinnaswami was annoyed with him because he hadn't asked for permission to write about Bhagavan or given any profits from the book to the ashram.

THE MANAGER (SARVADHIKARI) OF THE ASHRAM WAS CHINNASWAMI, RAMANA MAHARSHI'S YOUNGER BROTHER.

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Brunton appealed to Bhagavan: 'I am writing about you for the benefit of the world. Is it right to ban me in this way?'

Bhagavan, as was usual in such cases, backed up Chinnaswami.

'If you ask Chinnaswami,' he said, 'he will also say "I am doing good for the world". You are saying that you are doing good for the world. What can I say?'

Then Bhagavan kept quiet and refused to make any more comments on the subject. Chinnaswami, encouraged by Bhagavan's refusal to intervene, told Brunton, 'I have told you to go. If you don't go away I shall bring the police.'

Annamalai Swami was an eye-witness to these exchanges. Another interesting record of Brunton's expulsion can be found in the manuscript version of Talks with Sri Ramana Maharshi. The following six entries about Paul Brunton's final visit were all deleted prior to publication:

- 1) Talk 638, probably dated 2.3.39: 'Sri Bhagavan said to someone in the hall: "An American university has conferred a Ph.D. degree on Mr Brunton. So he is now Dr. Brunton. He will arrive here shortly."'
- 2) Dated 7.3.39: 'Dr Paul Brunton, Ph.D., arrived in Tiruvannamalai by the early morning train. He came to the ashram by 8:30 a.m. He looks well but says that he is not as well as he looks. There was an unusual calm in the astramam premises. Why? There was much difference in the reception this time and the reception during his last visit. He was deified then; no one dares speak to him now. Each vied with another to serve him then; but no one is free to approach him now. He is only as good as ever.

'He left the hall at about 9.45 a.m.'

- 3) Dated 11.3.39: 'Dr Brunton brought two fine walking sticks and one lovely fountain pen as presents to Sri Bhagavan from others. They were all appreciated.'
- 4) Talk no. 649 ends with Bhagavan saying, '...the Self is not separate from Brahman.' Mungala Venkataramiah then wrote: 'This interesting conversation ended abruptly because there was a breeze between the sarvådhikārī and Dr Paul Brunton at this stage of the conversation.'
 - 5) Dated 19.3.39: 'Dr Brunton left last night all of a sudden.'
- 6) Dated 21.3.39: 'Dr Brunton has written to Mr V. G. Sastri that he will not hereafter speak or write of the asramam or of Sri

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'Sri Bhagavan said that Dr Brunton was obliged to leave the place by the play of the higher power. He could not stop here a moment longer than was allowed by that power; nor can he stay away from here when drawn again by the same power.'

Brunton never visited the ashram again during Bhagavan's lifetime.

Brunton left and went to stay with a devotee called Ganapati Sastri in town. This Sastri told Brunton, incorrectly, that I had also been thrown out of the ashram. Brunton, taking pity on someone he thought was a fellow victim of Chinnaswami's caprice, brought me a dhōti and a big bag of rice.

As he was giving them to me he said. 'I am very unhappy that you have left the ashram. I am willing to provide you with anything you might need. Just send me a chit if you need anything.'

I had already explained that I had left the ashram voluntarily but this in no way diminished his willingness to help.

Ganapati Sastri was also banned from the ashram because Chinnaswami heard that he had been helping Brunton. Ganapati Sastri, like Brunton before him, came to Bhagavan and complained about this decision.

'Chinnaswami has told me not to come to the ashram,' he said. 'Bhagavan is just sitting like a stone Vinayaka statue. I have served the ashram for a long time. I have also donated three almiras [cupboards] full of books to the ashram. Will Bhagavan not ask Chinnaswami why he is not allowing me to come to the ashram?'

On this occasion Bhagavan didn't even bother to give an answer.

Chinnaswami's bans were rarely permanent. An apology and a promise to comply with Chinnaswami's wishes in future were generally enough to gain readmittance to the ashram. Chinnaswami used expulsions or threats of expulsions to keep the ashram workers and devotees in line. Bhagavan generally backed him up because he disapproved if devotees got into arguments with the ashram management. Bhagavan's standard response to anyone who wanted to find fault with Chinnaswami, or the ashram management in general, was, 'Attend to what you came here for'.

Many devotees had good reason to complain about the treat-

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ment they received at Chinnaswami's hands but Bhagavan always discouraged them from expressing their dissatisfaction.

While Annamalai Swami's attendant was translating this account for the benefit of some Tamil-speaking visitors. Annamalai Swami interrupted the reading to make the following magnanimous comments:

You should not think that Chinnaswami was a bad man. He was just doing his duty. Bhagavan could not have run the ashram himself because he had no mind and no inclination to do it. He needed someone with a big strong ego to take charge, someone who could keep all the other egos in line. Chinnaswami was the ideal man because he was loyal, dependable and hard-working. Bhagavan put his power into Chinnaswami, and that power enabled him to take charge of all the ashram's affairs. He was doing Bhagavan's work through Bhagavan's grace. He occasionally had to be dictatorial and ruthless because there were many people who were trying to interfere in the running of the ashram. There were even people who were trying to organise Bhagavan himself and tell him what to do. Although it may sound strange, in many ways Bhagavan and Chinnaswami were like two sides of the same coin. Bhagavan was Siva, the still, silent centre of the ashram, whereas Chinnaswami was sakti, the power which comes from Siva and organises all the activities around him '

In all the talks I had with him I never felt that Annamalai Swami had any ill-will towards Chinnaswami or anyone else. He always told his stories without rancour in a very factual way. If there was any emotion at all, it was a kind of wry amusement as he recollected the tumultuous events of his youth.

On several occasions he told me, 'I will tell you all my stories, but don't use them to start campaigns against anyone. Write them as factually as you can. It's not good to think badly of anyone. Just stick to the facts.'

I kept these guidelines in mind throughout the preparation of this book. After going through the final draft Annamalai Swami informed me that he was happy both with the way I had retold his stories and with the manner in which I had recreated so successfully the atmosphere of Sri Ramanasramam during the 1920s, 30s and 40s.

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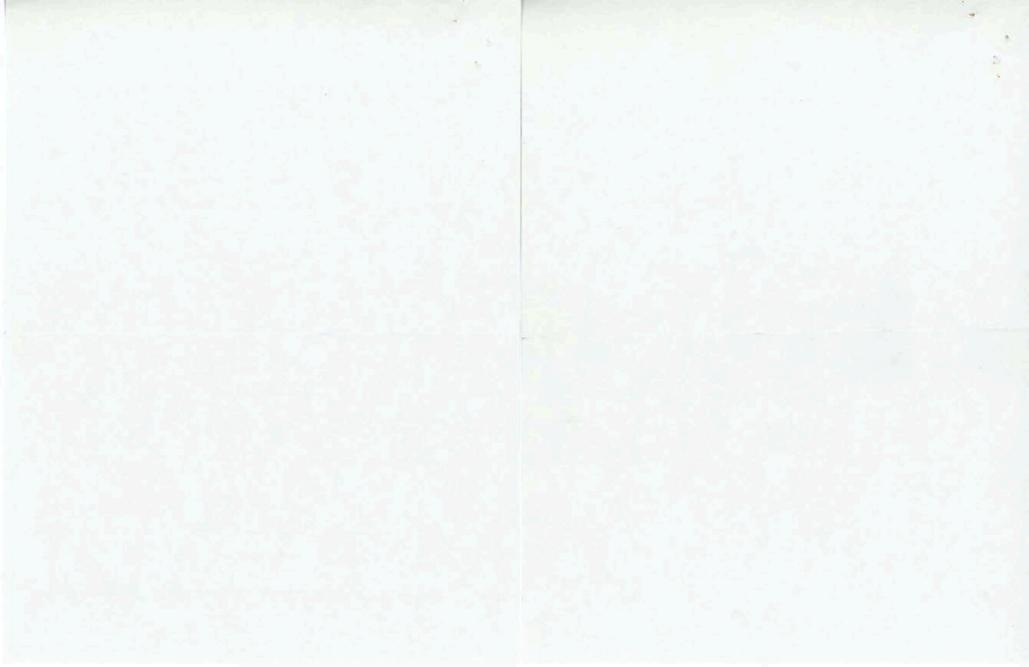
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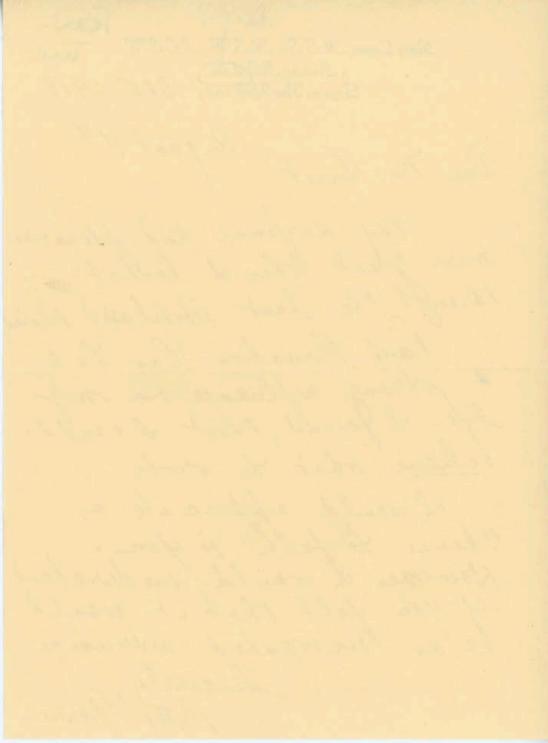
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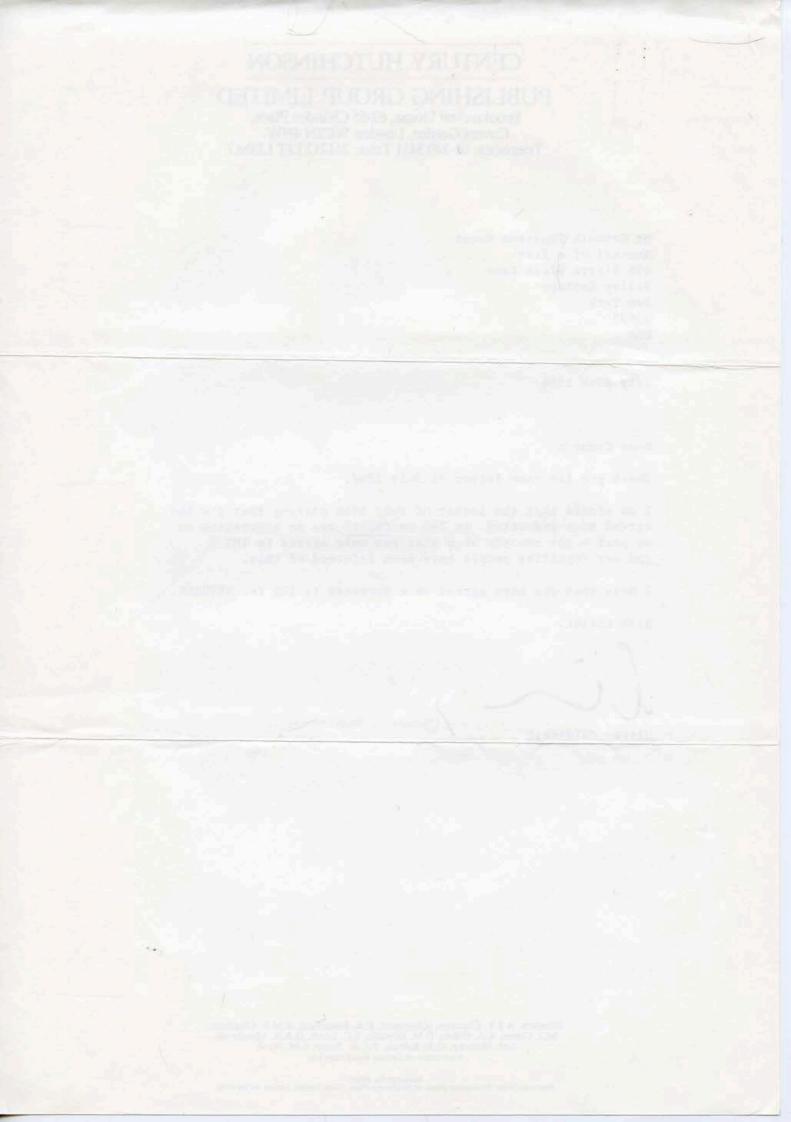
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Dear Mr Thurston Hurst

Thank you for the letter addressed to Mr Caldecott, and also for the Preface and Foreword to the Revised Edition.

Oliver Caldecott is on holiday at the moment, and is not returning until May 19th, so I thought I'd write directly to you. I have just received a letter from an Indian journalist, who is a great admirer of your father and his works, and who has been trying, for nearly two years, to get some details about him, with little success.

The questions he wants answered seem to be mostly about Paul Brunton's last days, for example; date of death, place of death, circumstances in which he died and remaining family. I wondered if you would be prepared to answer these questions for him, if I were to pass his correspondence on to you?

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With many thanks,

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I would appreciate it if you would add the enclosed "A Personal Note" on the page following the copyright notice. This will let his readers know that he made his transition last year. Kindly confirm.

By the way, Riders have sent me copies of your edition of "Secret Egypt" and I must congratulate you on the excellent production. It is very fine.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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I am in a bit of a quandary about this idea. About 10 years ago, Ivor and I had the idea of collecting the poems and having them published. At first my mother was very pleased with the idea. Ivor borrowed copies of the poems and had them typed out, sending back the originals. Somehow my mother thought that by sending them back he was refusing them. In any case she suddenly got the feeling that she did not want them published since it would be vanity publishing - something which her father had abhorred and which she therefore felt was something unworthy of a true writer. After her death I suggested to my father that perhaps nowwe should do something, but he was not cooperative, and in the end only arranged to have a few copies typed one of which I have sent to you. These experiences rather took the wind out of our sail and we wondered, if we did go to the trouble of having the poems published as a collection, who there would be still to send them to. So many of their friends are no longer alive. I wish that we had been in touch with you way back when we first thought of the idea. Perhaps we should have gone ahead and done it anyway. Probably in the end she might have been very pleased. But, alas, when my mother got negative she became very negative, and I found myself always avoiding doing anything which would bring on this mood.

However, I do not want to be negative, but will hold on to the thought until a time when I have a bit more energy and fewer immediate problems on hand. We have just arranged for a new companion for my father. We had hoped the previous one would have stayed with him until the end, but there were various complications and so we hope that we have now found the right person. Now that my brother is living in Jamaica, he is not able to be over so frequently and so, alas, my father misses very much his good

company.

We will have already left by August, and so would not be able to see you then up at Goose Pond. But do give us a ring when you pass through London. We hope to see you then, and I hope, if you have a moment, that you would be able to drop in to see my father. He certainly would thoroughly enjoy that.

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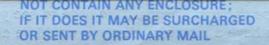


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2 NU UK January 7, 1974 Mrs Ivor Guest 17 Holland Park London W11 3TD England Dear Ann: I enjoyed your mother's poems very much indeed. Although some of them apparently have appeared in various magazines I certainly feel they deserve a permanent niche in book publication form. Have any efforts been made with British publishers? I think there would be much more chance there than in the USA where there is very little bound publication of poetry. I enclose a list of British publishers who do publish poetry, but I'm afraid I don't know any of them personally. It might be worth your while discussing

the matter with Nigel Watkins-the bookseller in Cecil Court, Charing Cross Road, who was a good friend of your mother's. I'm sure he would be interested personally, and would know the possibilities.

Another thought is that to make it more palatable to a British firm to undertake publication, we could offer to purchase 500 copies. If they printed say 2000 copies this would help underwrite their manufacturing cost. I say "we" because I would be most happy to be allowed to contribute to this purchase, in memory of your mother.

I do hope your father is keeping well, and would be grateful if you would give him my warmest regards.

I hope to be up at Goose Pond toward the end of August after my trip to Africa. But I think you said you and Ivor would be coming over earlier in July? Anyway I'll give you a call when passing through London on my way back.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Thurston Hurst

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11th September 1973

Dear Kenneth,

If you remember last summer - it already seems a long time ago - I promised to send you a set of my mother's poems. I have just come across a set and so am sending them to you, boat mail, but thought I would write to you at once to let you know they are coming.

It was such a pleasure to see you this summer. I was so glad that we overlapped at Goose Pond, at least for one evening. Do let me know whether you will be there again next summer, for Ivor will be coming over then and it would be great fun if we could link up.

This brings you all best wishes as usual. You will be glad to know that my father keeps very well and in very good spirits.

Let me know if the poems arrive safely.

Sincerely,

Ann

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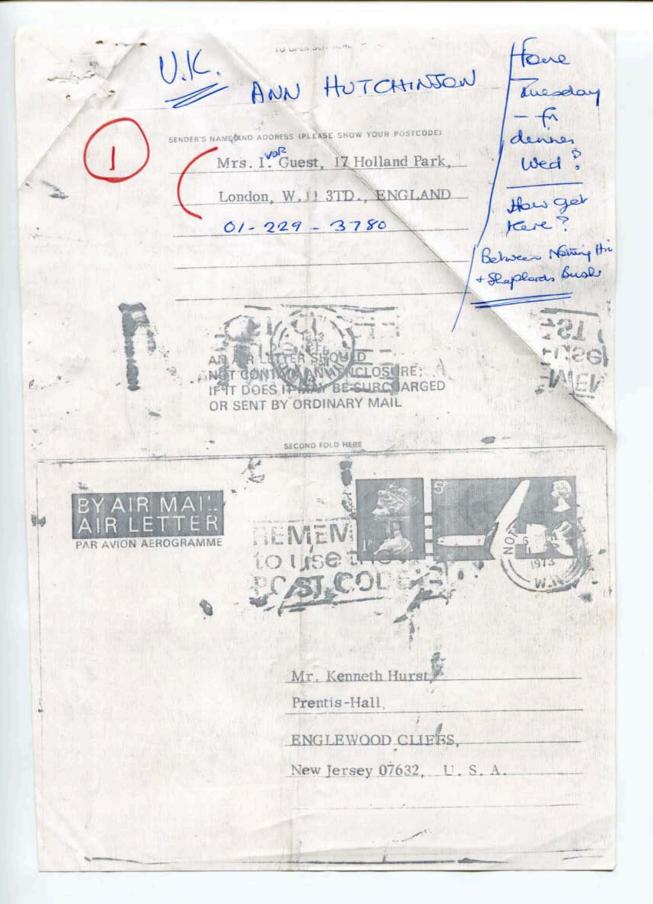
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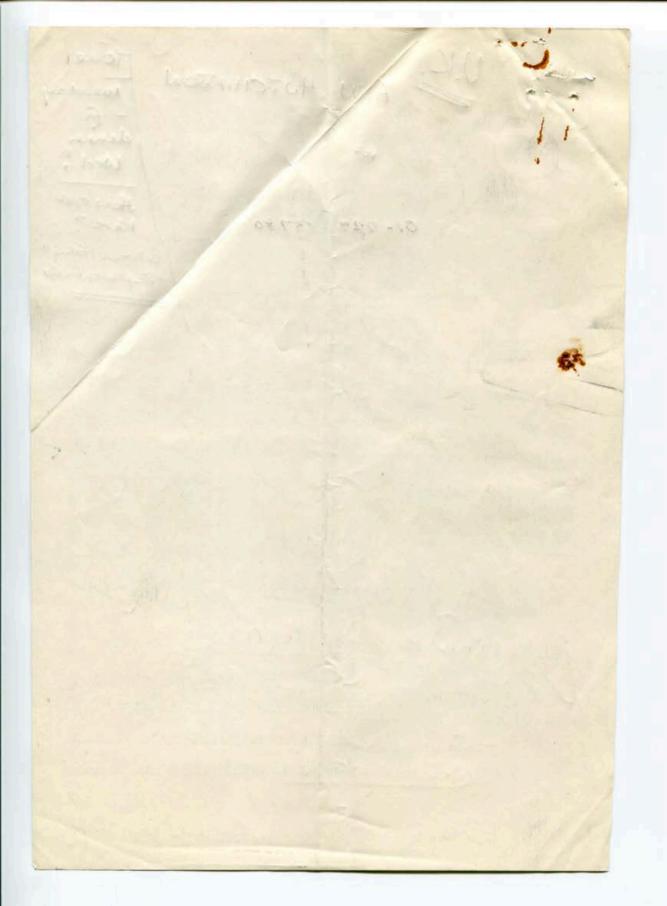
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Dear Kenneth:

It was a great pleasure to see both you and Arthur this spring. You may remember that at dinner I promised to send you copies of the notes I took while visiting P.B., with his corrections. I have enclosed a copy of the original, with P.B.'s changes, and a retyped copy.

P.B. spent most of an afternoon going through the notes and carefully making changes, corrections, and additions. I was quite impressed with the care and meticulous effort to get things just right. The corrected notes were approved for reading to the group, and I did so after my return.

We look forward to the opportunity of seeing you again, whenever you visit Wisdom's Goldenrod. The summer here has been relaxed, but unusually hot. We plan a vacation soon, probably to French Canada.

Myra sends her greetings and warm regards.

Sincerely,

Alan Berkowitz



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