

## Kenneth Hurst Letters 1955-1965

*Editor's Note: The Kenneth Hurst Letters consist of correspondence between PB and his son Kenneth, covering over 40 years of their lives. There are some references to PB's first wife Karen Tottrup, her second husband Les, and PB's third wife Evangeline Young (now Glass) – who was also referred to as Noel, or Eva. PB and Karen divorced when Kenneth was still young, and Kenneth lived with her exclusively, as was the common practice for divorced families at that time. Then, due to the travel restrictions of WWII, Kenneth's contact with PB was further delayed until the late 1940s – as such, letter writing was his primary form of contact with PB for many years. Kenneth was a difficult child and had a sometimes challenging path to adulthood. He was a very successful executive for Prentice Hall publishers and did many small tasks on PB's behalf as the latter roamed the globe. His devotion to PB was absolute, even though his own spiritual interests were less strong than those of his father. Most of the letters in this file were handwritten from between 1955 to 1965.*

*PB had a tendency to make edits, write notes regarding his replies, or insert address information and meeting times on the letters themselves after receipt. We have noted PB's insertions and marginalia, but have not noted edits made by the original author, assuming that they were corrections made at the same time as the rest of the letter. To preserve both readability and the voice of the author, we have corrected spelling errors but have generally left grammar as is.*

*Less interesting letters have been summarized instead of fully transcribed. Please refer to the scanned PDFs for the full content, or to view all stationary headers, postmarks, unidentified markings, marginalia, etc. Proper names and dates have been written exactly as found in the original for each letter in this file; where we discovered multiple versions of a person's name, we have noted the full name either in the body of the text in {curly brackets} or in a footnote.*

*In many letters, there are words that are illegible or missing; in such cases we have included either our best guess or the word "illegible" inside {curly brackets}. In rare circumstances, we have added a word or phrase to a letter for readability, which are also noted with {curly brackets}; a footnote was added where we deemed it helpful. – Timothy Smith (TJS), 2020*

### L41.001

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Handwritten letter from PB to Evangeline  
838 Mokulua Drive,  
Lanikai Hawaii  
21 Jan

If the arrangement with the M's satisfies you, Evangeline it satisfies me too since I presume you are able to continue with studies and since it is not too hard to live 2 day there.

Did you get a Xmas gift Money order from Gertrude? I believe she sent you one, although I am not sure, and as you had lost mail at that time it might have gone too. I never trusted your mail box at Highland & never used it, but I would not have

written to Mercedes had I known {she was} going to use it instead of waiting {until} you met her. However you now have an address but do not put it on the return corner of envelopes as I do not want Diana to know at present. Also if {illegible} knows ask him not to mention it in his letters to Grads. You know the attitude here is, to their relatives, rather cool very critical.

It is raining hard now and cooler but there are plenty of sunny hours always. I had to stop the barefoot walks as it got too cold for that.

There is no need now to include "Oahu" in address.

After all this time of preparation I at last got the book going again but so much time has rushed by with other matters. So I may - stay on here for another month, that is, until the end of March, to take advantage of the favourable conditions for the book at last available. If you want to go ahead of me to New York so as to start singing studies, you may consider doing so.

The enclosed letter & \$1 came from your grandmother addressed to both of us at {Vine} Station, Hollywood. You might give her the correct address:

Kenneth sent you a small gift metal case to hold postage stamps as your gift for Xmas but it did not get here till late. Shall I bring it when returning and give it to you then, or do you want me to post it now?

If Johnny has not yet brought the Japanese tea set please ask him to drop the matter. I can get one here and pick out the design as they are available freely here.

Jorgen<sup>1</sup> has written again. Did you write him, Will you please? I can't find his letters so perhaps I gave them to you.

Tell Charles not to trouble about searching for the missing typescript. I think it can wait and I know where it is. He would not be able to get at it, as it is not there.

I wrote Jorge and praised your progress & behaviour.

If the {leucorrhea} does not yield to {Brahmi} oil treatment there is a simple one. Take your own fresh urine and rub in well in the affected part! This is strange, but it has cured some cases. The same treatment has cured some {illegible}, so tell Dorothy. Also The Cobra posture in hatha yoga has cured {leucorrhea}. If there is no photo or description of it in Bernard's books, I'll write one for you.

The Empire typewriter is troublesome. I had to take it to Honolulu for repair after breakdowns.

Gertrude Brown has again become a pest and problem. The old troubles - negative fear thoughts and kundalini. She tracked down my phone number and got on the line! Again!


Thank you dear for saying you can manage financially with the present set up.

I have not written to Delos since I came. {illegible} never kept his promise & never wrote. But I'll write Delos soon.

The numerologist is Mr Alfred J. Parker, 1120 West Tenth Avenue, Vancouver. B.C. Canada. You have to send him \$five, tell him your birthname (full surname and first name) tell him what your aim in life is professionally i.e. to become a successful singer of spiritual songs, and ask him to suggest a suitable name, or adaptation of the present one. If you agree that Evangeline should be kept, as I think, then he has to alter the surname only. Or ask if "Eva" is better. Give your age.

Hawaii is better than California, far better, for people like us. For Bernard it is better than Mexico. There is a semi Oriental atmosphere here, as Japs are in majority. Jack is going away in May for a 1 1/2 year trip abroad in Europe. I am sorry I was not nicer to you the last week, when we were so busy. However you know I love you. And I'm grateful for the care taken of me.

Always



**L41.005**

5 - 8

Letter from PB to Kenneth  
838 Mokulua Drive, Lanikai, Hawaii  
Jan 28

Here is the para on the marriage for Mother & Len. Kenneth....

It seems suitable, with the small addition made.

You may drop the word "Oahu" from my address now

No please don't ask Larned to let you write the copy for my book. If you want to do so, I suggest you write it and hand it to me. I'll then extract suitable paras or sentences and bring them in as my own to the advert mgr, whom I know, thus avoiding the Presidential and Vice Presidential circle. Anyway we have to wait until the mss is done and even then they want 9 months for publishing! However I am glad Larned has come in; this will help improve the atmosphere.

I sent an aircard several weeks ago with J. Lovewisdom's address but if it did not arrive then: Box 7, Kaweah, Califor.

There is no crowd of military personnel in Hawaii. They all live in a little township of their own several (60 miles from my village) miles from Honolulu. I have seen none here in Lanikai and very few on my occasional visits to Honolulu

I saw the Minifon when last in NY but it is not suitable for office work, only for FBI! A pity, for its weight is so low

If Herman sees the book by Barton where your photo appears on the jacket, it will be amusing. It may mislead him into thinking you are with an agent now, unless someone's informed him you are at McGraw.

Yes I liked Boston too, and the nearby towns. Very English

The 12 x 12 glazed Chinese colorprint of a hermit under a tree with pile of books and teapot depicts "BODHIDHARMA, the founder of Zen Buddhism" If there is no label on the back, or if there is an incorrect one, please type and past this on

I enclose a paragraph in pen and ink for your consideration anent Swami Ramdas view that the intellect is good for nothing. Please type and send me a copy.

You ought to have written earlier about the undesirable nocturnal activities.

Don't be afraid. We shall eradicate them. Have absolute trust that there will be victory.

1) I send you a photograph which keep by the bedside.

2) Keep as strong a light on all night as you can bear without keeping awake.

3) Do physical exercises before retiring that involve deep breathing. On

inhaling, hold the thought of triumphing over the attacks, that you are master. On exhaling, hold thought of blowing away all evil atmospheres.

4) Bathe the parts and sex organs with cold water before retiring

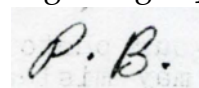
5)<sup>2</sup> You must not see Erna when she returns. Find some way that is tactful and kindly yet be absolutely resolute in avoiding meetings. Nor should you correspond further with her.

6) Stop meditation temporarily until my return. Substitute (a) prayer for strength and protection; (b) suggestion and affirmation for 2 or 3 minutes at a time of a positive character (c) the repeating use as often during the day as you can remember of a mantram. It can be uttered aloud occasionally when in your room, under your breath when alone elsewhere, and only mentally in the office where people are around. A specimen suitable mantram: "In my Overself there is infinite strength;" "From my Overself comes perfect protection" You may repeat the phrase hundreds of times until it becomes automatic

Don't worry. Have hope. Report developments occasionally. I shall destroy this attack totally and completely, but it may need time, perhaps even my physical presence. I have crushed these things before and can do it again.

Train yourself to achieve full waking consciousness quickly whenever you become aware of attack, and to say "I do not fear you. The power of the Overself is with me and against you."

[With peace & affection & upholding thoughts]



[P.S. If you should meet Selma or Romaine again go out of your way to be more sympathetic. Do not criticise in any way. You are dealing with the softer sex!]

**L41.009**

9 - 10

Handwritten letter from {Kenneth}<sup>3</sup> to Mother  
1955

#### A Birthday message to you

Hello Mother darling -

You know, often our regular letters, welcome and important as they are, only contain routine news and messages.

I want this to be a special message. I want to tell you how much I love you. Of course I say it in every letter, and it is true every time -- but now I want it to be the reason for the letter, instead of the closing.

You know I love you, but I want you to hear it again. Saying it all by itself like this makes it stand out clearly. And you should hear it as clearly as if I were standing there, holding you in my arms, telling you so in person.

I can see you now, as you were seeing me off at the airline terminal, waving

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<sup>3</sup> Author determined by handwriting.

goodbye.

**L41.011**

11 - 14

Handwritten letter from PB  
838 Mokulua Drive, Lanikai, Oahu, Hawaii

I return your para for the letter to Mother & Len, altered. If you consider my alterations need altering (!) please discuss with me quite frankly, then we can<sup>4</sup> come to a final version for mailing. Also frankly criticise if you wish the para I sent Romaine if you still have it, if not, no matter.

The real reason why I won't press Duttons about giving me more or better publicity is a personal one Based on the changed relationship between me & the firm. Of course, you could do a far better job on copy than their own department, I am sure, but I just have to leave the matter where it is

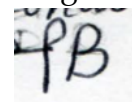
About the magazine technical details I shall have to leave it for personal discussion as soon as I reach New York. Bernard has been too busy at his store so far to do anything, and I am too busy here. If you would do rough sketches meanwhile for front cover or masthead I'd look over them now.

Thank you for offering the flat but the travelling time is too much. Also I have decided to have a new arrangement for meals—food cooked outside and sent in to me, for which I need to be in town.

Your Christmas card came in yesterday. The parcel also arrived. Thank you for the stamp case. It is a<sup>5</sup> beautiful and luxurious-looking one. But while I was packing the folding slippers to remail to Evangeline today, the idea occurred to me to ask whether the gifts could not be switched around. The reason is the case holds only a small number of stamps whereas even when travelling I need a large number of several different varieties, for which I have absolute need. It is quite impossible to get even a fraction of them into the case. Before leaving California I bought Eva a pair of plastic slippers, and she also received a pair of Japanese silk ones from her brother in law {sailor}, so she is well supplied with them. But she has no stamp case. So I await your reply on the matter. She would appreciate the beauty of the case and her need of stamps is very much smaller than mine

This place Hawaii has the best climate of any country I've visited. Its atmosphere is semi Oriental and peaceful. Its scenery is beautiful. California has badly deteriorated. There is very little competition here in your line: An advert man on a vacation liked it so much that he stayed permanently & opened an agency. You could not earn high salaries here but living would be much easier & pleasanter. After a couple of years in New York you'd be ready for here—technically and emotionally! Think it over.

With affectionate regards



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<sup>4</sup> PB inserted "can" by hand.

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Duplicate of L41.011

L41.019

19 - 20  
Handwritten letter from PB to Kenneth  
838 Mokulua Drive, Lanikai, Oahu, Hawaii<sup>6</sup>  
23 February 55

The help is going out to you, Kenneth----

---so keep reporting the situation, good or bad. The power that is with you is greater than the other, so I have no doubt, only full confidence in the ultimate result, temporary episodes notwithstanding

The booklet "Imprint on an Era" is instructive. It gives you prestige to be associated with such a fine firm. I looked for your photo in the IBTB section but perhaps it was premature to do so.

The meeting with M.G. is good. I consider her a happy soul. I do not remember if I told her about the dissolution, so your both keeping quiet is amusing. Of course I'll tell her, if she does not know.

The National Electrical Codebook broadsheet is good, too.

Yes your idea of telling Erna that the break is a temporary arrangement will cushion the effect, for eventually I shall have to speak to her and tell her in person that it must be so and that I am the cause of your withdrawal. But it is not good to tell a lie for this purpose of cushioning, so what do you think of writing her now to say I have ordered you to break and that I will talk to her? It is equally cruel to let her come back looking forward to seeing you – either way she suffers. She is foolish to return here anyway; why not advise her to stay in Italy or Germany and continue her gentler life there: it's too harsh in nyc?

Thank you for typing the "attack upon intellect" note. I venture to enclose another note for your typing. Please use paper size 6" wide x 9" long. 1/4" margins except at top, where 3/4" is needed. Put class # in top right corner. Thanks

Are you doing any physical exercises? If not, you should do a few minutes daily or nightly... Avoid undilute lemon juice on salad, destroys enamel teeth. Do not sleep flat on your back. Put pillow at angle so head is raised... If Dr BRONNER'S Seasoning is available in nyc health stores, I strongly recommend it in place of salt and lemon (made in Los Angeles)

Sorry used ball pen, caused smudges;  
With my peace and affection



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<sup>6</sup> "(It is again necessary to include 'Oahu' in address)" is handwritten by PB next to address.

Handwritten letter from Mor to Kenneth  
15, Summerhill Grove, Enfield, Middx  
7th March. 1955

My dear Kenny,

On Thursday when we came Home, there was a letter from you, the sweetest a Mother ever had, it made me cry and also made me very Happy.

So thank you Kenny dear. I'm very proud to have you for my Son.

Yes it's very clear in my mind too, your face in the window of the air-bus and I was sending my love out to you, to go with you.

Yes dear, I know there were lots of goodbyes, (you were afraid I might cry, when I saw you off) I knew that and don't think I ever did, though I used to think, will he come Home again and I could see it in your face too. But, we were lucky, lots of others were not.

So when you went to America, it was not the same, you could come back, even if you had to work your way home or we sent you the money. Also, dear, you went because Paul was there, so there was no worry there. And you did come back in 1952 and we had a grand time on our own in Denmark.

Of<sup>7</sup> course I hope you can come again dear, and it's my dream wish to come & see you.

Even if one had more children, they might all go away, or at least get married, which is natural. But one does hear of people not learning from their children. Did you ever read about the old lady, who put a candle in the window every night, so her Son would find his way home. Well he never did.

People are strange, they are afraid or ashamed to show their emotions and so the little sweet things are lost. You never said much, when you were home and Dads the same, just can't help it.

All parent make sacrifices for their children dear, but they do not think of it as such, how can one, one does things without thought, because its ones child & one loves it. And when you were difficult, I could see myself in you & laugh even when I got cross.

You remember, John Tottrup was the same. Trixie said she or he would have to leave home, she could not stand it. Well now, she can't wait to see him and John does appreciate his home, it's only a stage some youngsters go through though it's trying. I can remember being tiresome to my Mother, though I loved her, very much.

My<sup>8</sup> Mother, your MumMum as you called her, said when you were little, "Kenny will be a great comfort to you when he is older, you'll see" Well she was right, you are dear.

I'm not good at writing letters or books for that matter! but I shall keep your letter as something precious, so thank you dear.

I'm alright now, just taking things a little easy and beginning to put some fat

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on my face again. But when I was ill, I looked at your photo (taken Washington) and thought I shall not see Kenny again, but talked to you and told you lots of things and it did not seem to matter, just thought, send your love, it will get there. One does learn from being ill. the body loosens its hold. But there, I'm here again.

Also thank you for the bit about Denmark, it came Saturday. I wonder do lots of Americans go to Denmark we see quite a lot there anyway.

Uncle Basse & Trixie are going. Last week July & 1st Aug. He is taking his car. £4-10-0 to take it across on the Boat, cheap eh. Then he want to travel from {illegible} up through {illegible}, stop at the House, where your Grandad was born (it's a Museum now) go<sup>9</sup> up to {illegible} (I've been there as a girl) 10 years old to see Roger, he came over before the war, he came down to Brighton, you & I went out in a Speed Boat with him, do you remember? There should be some Family left. My Mothers sister lived there, but she must be dead, then he will cross to {illegible} (the middle island and very beautiful) & so on to Holbeck, and at last Copenhagen for a week, now he want me to write & ask Andreas if he can have their Flat. We have not spoken about our holidays, it's still snowing here. But we should have to go in August, it's our best time too. So I hope they will have us too, but it does make it, on top of each other, but perhaps they won't mind. I think Basse would have liked us to go with them. But Dad, being a lone wolf would sooner go with me alone - So I'll have to write & see - it's not sure we can go. you know what Dad is, and it's very early yet - But am keeping my fingers crossed. I know he wants to go, he liked it there.

Basse took a lot of the Guiver's things & went down there yesterday, they asked him to. it's too cold for me to do the journey, & then it snowed early yesterday, but the sun came out & dried it up again, so hope it was O.K. for him. Today more snow or sleet & it's very cold too.

I've been making a mat for your Home, a lacy one, but it's not quite finished, will soon be on its way - it took longer than I thought. The snap on letter is nice dear -

God bless you dear -  
All my Love to you

More.

**L41.029**

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Handwritten letter from PB to Kenneth  
838 Mokulua Drive, Lanikai, Oahu, Hawaii  
9 March. 55

You are under the duty of writing to Mother about her smoking, Kenneth---

---I spoke to her warningly about it on the last two visits to England but she rejected my warnings, saying that smoking was her chief pleasure! But it is needful to make a further effort for she cannot get cured of this tendency to bronchitis unless she does give it up. Perhaps you could find a different angle of approach to



persuade her.

Thank you for the interesting quote from King Vidor. I met him at Chaplin's; he invited me to visit the house he was then building. We met a couple of times more. He said he would read "Quest of Overself" and the passages you send are almost paraphrased from that book. I'm glad, although I've never since seen him again

The follow advert from "American Vegetarian" might be useful to you "\$5 a day. Open 1st May. 120 miles from NYC in Catskill Mountains. Quiet restful Vegetarian resort. Organic fruits & vegetables. Pure water. Make reservations now. Ethel Robinson 75 Lawrence Ave. Brooklyn"

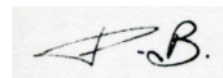
I shall be spending summer and fall, perhaps even winter, in vicinity of NYC, D.V.

The man you met once at Central Park, Jacques Romano, 90 years young, who was so interesting, is giving a lecture and also a demonstration of his Extra-Sensory Perception powers at New York Psychology Forum, 113 West 57 Street (Steinway Hall) Room 605. Admission 75 cents, on March 16 (Wednesday) 8:15 pm. More Details from Forum Mgr. (It's mainly a psychic organization) Ann Koering Gramercy 7-8650, if you want them. Try & go. Take notes of his talk. (If you can't go, send Romaine?) and let me read them

Make a memo for me to demonstrate the daily dozen (minutes, not exercises!) which you ought to devote to physical culture. My system is quite different from ordinary Western p.c. being based on hatha yoga and other foundations. But the results are equal to 1 hours ord. exercise! Also memo for me to show you how sitting and standing & walking can be so improved as to act as exercises. You need something of this sort. But if you undertake to start them now I'll describe them in next letter for you

Please<sup>10</sup> ask Tony to look up in his books a life of Rama Krishna and ascertain if any information is given as to whether R. smoked tobacco after meals. I believe he did but need confirmation; I want to refer to it in current script, and criticize it.

With peace and affection



P.S. "Celery salt" as usually sold, is not pure celery but contains 50% table salt. "Celery seed" powder, if you can get it, is pure. Otherwise, try health stores for "Dr BRONNER's Organic Seasoning" which has no salt, is very flavorful and salty to taste.

**L41.033**

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Incomplete letter to Art  
75 Coleridge Street, Brooklyn 35, N.Y.  
April 21, 1955

Telepathy must have been at work, Art --

...for soon after receiving your letter (where has the time flown since last September?) I heard from PB that he has revived plans for the magazine. I forwarded the sample you sent on to him; however I believe ours would be larger and contain more material. Plans are still in the nebulous stage, and it will probably be another year or so before they jell.

I hope life has consolidated its pattern as far as you are concerned, Art, and that events have fallen into focus with a business venture to your liking. I'd be glad to hear your news when you feel like writing a line.

Since we walked along the river edge in Dayton that summer night, we have been whirled a couple of years closer to the vortex of this wounded civilization. It is painfully apparent that humanity is walking its last mile. Yet the blind chaos of outer events serves only to point up the supreme beauty of that which we seek within... that which is the screen on which our dream-like activities are played.

See, you got me into a philosophizing moods, Art! But it is good to be able to share inner thoughts with friends who understand. I hope one day you will be passing this way and we'll have the opportunity of sharing an evening or two.

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## L41.035

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Letter from PB to Kenneth  
1306 Veteran Avenue,  
Westwood, Los Angeles,  
24. Calif.  
5 August 55

The job on "Catholic Shrines of Europe," Kenneth...

...is excellent. No criticism needed! The other two--"Minerals and Rocks" and "Recreation Leaders Hdbk" are good too.

Never mind about the Midgetape. I have now seen the machine itself locally. Interesting possibilities, but taking no action.

Yes Mrs Young and all the family except Papa Young and Sister Rosalind know<sup>12</sup> about me and E. They both visited (pop and Mom) here last month and she mentioned wistfully not having heard from you.

Owing to the heat, Jacques (who leaves for NYC in two or three days) will not stay in NYC but on Long Island.

Am grateful you will take your week off for my arrival to help settlement.

As far as I know the ZEN NOTES was started last year. You might send for the back volume and subscribe for the current one. I will refund in NYC but it may be that the first volume is still being released (I received the copy required)

The replies to the advert were all unsatisfactory. I had the hotel apt in view as a last resort. Sharing is impossible. But there is the difficulty; that I would naturally like to inspect before signing and he would naturally refuse to wait until my arrival. So there is a problem here which may necessitate abandoning either the

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<sup>11</sup> Subsequent pages may be missing.

<sup>12</sup> The original editor inserted "and Sister Rosalind".

ad or my inspection.

Well lets gamble once more on an ad and if nothing OK emerges, I won't advertise again prior to arrival. Certain changes are desirable. Instead of "elderly writer" put "single writer". Instead of "2 rooms" put "small aptmt". Instead of "Manhattan" put "\$150 max" (I have no desire to pay that amount but it may help attract a better class reply with whom I could then negotiate. Instead of "3to6months" put "3--6 mos.". This cuts size to 2 lines and reduces cost

I accept your suggestion to run on a 3-day basis, provided one of them is a Sunday. Cash for same enclosed. So try next week ends paper; mid August. If the "Apartment Renting Agency" again send their publicity, throw it away. I know them. They want %\$50 fee for doing little.

I<sup>13</sup> plan to leave here [mid night of] Sept [seventh] but will stop somewhere en route for a retreat of about one week to 10 days for fasting and meditation. So this brings arrival in NYC to about the {15th} Evangeline can secure a cottage in which her grand mother lives [on the] Ohio [Pennsylvania border] and said Gm will vacate same for us. It's a mile from the nearest neighbour and in the midst of woods and hills. I have not had time to get details [but her mother would drive us from Erie or Cleveland to the cottage—50 miles]

Jim Covell and wife Pat have turned up here He much improved in every way and prospering in profession. She fat and 'fortyish' looking; and a good thing you did not take his place!

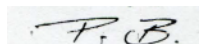
I want to enquire: I need a NYC address to which to send the suitcases and cartons which go by Express. Is yours suitable, since someone would have to be at home to receive them and you are away at the office? Alternatively is there anyone else (like Tony) you can suggest who has someone at home during the day?

Do you know that an organic food market has been opened near your office by, I believe, Symon Gould the Vegetarian propagandist?

Certified Organic FoodMkt. 310 West 43rd St

Mon to Sat 9.30 to 7.30pm

With my peace and affection,



PS The word "rooms" in advt led to this mistaken understanding that I might share. And "aprtmt" is self-contained and independent Hence the change

PPS Kindly walk over one lunchtime to the office (near yours) of "HEALTH CULTURE" MAGAZINE 1133 Broadway, and secure the following back issues (the two cost 70¢) January 1951, February 1951. Hold them for delivery personally after my arrival

**L41.039**

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Letter from PB

Sept 8<sup>14</sup>

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<sup>14</sup> "1948" inserted by hand, we believe by KTH, in the top right corner.

This is being written in Art Gerharts office in Cleveland just after my phone call to you

The telephone # at the cottage where I shall move in later today is:- [ALBION (Pennsylvania)<sup>15</sup> 5 054]

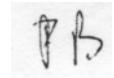
Mail will reach me c/o [MRS LOUIE S. ANDERSON, R.D.2. ALBION Pennsylvania]<sup>16</sup>

I plan to arrive NYC 16th inst by in the late evening-night. [This date has now been made final and definitive.

Art may arrive in nyc on Monday the 12th by plane & leaving Wed 14th. He will stay at the Statler Hotel & would be glad to see you. I gave him your phone #.

The magazine has {illegible}. Bernard Larry & Dale (another ad artist young man) are working away at it now. Bernard & Art have promised financial contributions to help meet {illegible} Jim Covell arrived with half-a dozen articles written! The title "The Overself" Fred will print 2 color covers. Processes of production again being investigated- print face typewriter & {illegible}, letter press, and printing in Mexico to reduce cost. The artists are making a dummy copy & cover, & also laying out the {illegible} "announcement." So perhaps you might prepare something – anything your mind conceives in connection with it.<sup>17</sup>

love & peace -



PS<sup>18</sup> The disappointment over Mr Vernon may be compensated by its "lead" towards the suburbs. I would be happier there than in town—nearer the countryside.

Now that I have finalised arrival date we have a firm appointment for Saturday morning at the hotel, whether there is moving to be done or not. If Tony wants to come, without losing wages, let him do so.]

**L41.043**

43

Handwritten incomplete letter from Kenneth T. Hurst to<sup>19</sup> PB

542 Fifth Avenue New York 36, NY Vanderbilt 6-3889<sup>20</sup>

Jan 21, 1956

I took the form to the P.O, PB --

and they said they'd check the references, and then notify you by mail. Next day I received a form from them which I promptly returned. So I'm returning your cheque, until we see what the next step is.

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<sup>15</sup> PB inserted "(Pennsylvania)" by hand.

<sup>16</sup> PB inserted "Pennsylvania" by hand.

<sup>17</sup> "over" is handwritten at the bottom of the page.

<sup>18</sup> Page 41

<sup>19</sup> Name appears in the letterhead.

<sup>20</sup> Address appears in the letterhead.

**L41.044**

44

Handwritten letter from PB to Kenneth

To Kenneth Hurst<sup>22</sup>

There was no need to return cheque Kenneth ---

so I send it once more. Fill in the payee's name according to whatever the Postmaster wishes, at the time you go there again. The attached card has come, granting the mailbox, so take it with you to P.O. Also write down in full detail the address of P.O as they wish me to use for my correspondents.

Thanks,



next time you come Montauk please bring Bro. M's "Comte de Gabalis"  
Tablets safely received



Please get one of the 9 + 6 end opening loose leaf binder, in black, as a sample.  
Thanks



**L41.045**

45 - 46

Letter from PB to Kenneth

Box 292,

Montauk, L.I.

January 27th. 1956

I'm sorry, dear Kenneth, that I have to write and tell you that because of unavoidable reasons the possible appointment for your visit here on Saturday and Sunday, February 4th. and 5th. cannot be made.

On Tuesday evening<sup>23</sup> February 14th. I will arrive in Brooklyn. Would it be possible for you to put me up for that night? I would arrive at your apartment not before 10:00 p.m. as I have two other appointments to keep locally<sup>24</sup> after my Brooklyn arrival.

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<sup>21</sup> Subsequent lines may be missing.

<sup>22</sup> PB wrote "To Kenneth Hurst" upside down in the middle of the page.

<sup>23</sup> The original editor inserted "evening."

<sup>24</sup> The original editor inserted "locally."

In the morning I would leave with you and journey into New York by subway, as I have work to do at the library.

I'll be staying in New York until the 18th., Saturday mid-day. I understand you will be able to drive us back to Montauk and spend the weekend with us. Is that so?

Last night I gave Bert Salmirs an envelope to be delivered the same evening to you. It contains various matters including the lock box at the post office reply.

I am sorry that you are unable to come out here tomorrow through not having a car, as I would have liked to have had you here, but we shall have the 18th. anyway.



**L41.047**

47 - 48

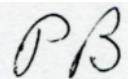
Letter from PB to Kenneth<sup>25</sup>  
Box 75, Quogue, L.I. New York  
Undated letter

Kenneth

Please mail enclosed so as to bear a NYC postmark

A long narrow carton holding the Tibetan paintings has been sent you thru Tony for storage. When next I visit you I will transfer them to a trunk, after rerolling them on bamboo rods. The latter are either with Tony or you. If with him, please get a few. The carton will then be destroyed. Or if you cannot keep the carton even now, destroy it and keep the pictures out in a dry covering.

When you have caught up with your office work enough to have a free week end to visit me at Quogue, let me know



**L41.049**

49 - 50

Letter from PB to Kenneth  
17-VI-56

(1) Erna's reference is to the physical discomfort suffered with her back on the ship.

(2) Yes, please hold the Bancroft parcel for delivery at our next personal meeting. (b) Also in future do not mail any letters from Box 339, as until July 5th. Noel will clear the box for me.

(3) Thank you for lending Jerry the car for the New Jersey run.

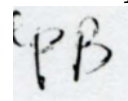
(4) I left a bag of shoes for your storage, when I visited Tony's house two days

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<sup>25</sup> KTH inserted "56" by hand in the top right corner.

ago...there will also be a small bag of various items sent via Jerry...shall phone you during the week.

[With love]



## L41.051

51 - 52

Handwritten letter from {Mrs} Hutch to Kenneth  
The Barlow House  
West Redding,  
Connecticut<sup>26</sup>  
December 12th 1956

Dear Kenneth,

Your very nice letter, & the welcome book, arrived & I want to thank you very much indeed! You are a {illegible}. spoil the old gal!

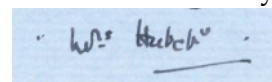
I had a happy day and a number of cards and gifts, for which I was gratefully glad! Always nice to be remembered.

Mrs {illegible} writes that she and PB have had two very happy meetings and she thought he looked so well. How<sup>27</sup> horrible things are, all over! I heard from {Sumangalo} yesterday & he wrote: - "Brunton is right about the reckless tomb robbing in Egypt. It released dark forces better left undisturbed."

I owe so many letters than {illegible} all for today. I hope to write more later, either here or in London.

Forgive!!<sup>28</sup>

Love from us both & your thought for me touches me greatly!  
Affectionately



## L41.053

53 - 56

Letter from PB to Kenneth  
2371 East Live Oak Drive  
Los Angeles 28.,  
California  
January 21st. 1957

Your management of the Hawthorn negotiations, dear Kenneth,  
seem business-like and successful; congratulations!

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<sup>26</sup> Address appears in the letterhead.

<sup>27</sup> Page 52

<sup>28</sup> "Forgive!!" is handwritten next to an ink smudge.

In view of your change of location on Feb. 3rd. and its distance from the Box 339 Post Office, and the subsidence of Christmas mail, please note that a twice weekly clearance of the box will be sufficient.

I am staying with Jacques Masson at the above address and starting January 30th. mail forwarded should be addressed c/o Masson, at above address and the General Delivery address discarded. This date is the first receiving date, so that your posting date will of course, be earlier.

Jacques's telephone number is: Hollywood 4-8540.

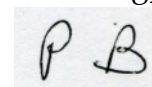
The book from Hesper and the juicer have been received. [Thanks.]

I have seen Charles and Dan and got some more light on the Dane group. But as Dan will probably be coming to Brooklyn in a few days, he will tell you and the others all about it.

You will probably have to learn to separate the actual state of affairs from what Dan thinks [he<sup>29</sup> sees] thru his permanently fixed rosy magnifying spectacles. Everyone is enthusiastic who has come into contact with Dane. So far...so good. I am, however, concerned about the case of someone like yourself who will have something more in the bank than the poor questers [have]. I notice that Tony has included you in the list which he submitted to Charles of those who compose the group which he wishes to join to Dane's group. Has he the right to do so, or have you given up your previous independent status? Before I say anything further I must receive your answer to this question.

I still think that the Dane project is the best solution for the poorer questers, but in your case I strongly suggest (in strict confidence) that you should make no financial commitment to Dan, or to the Dane group, until you have informed and consulted with me first. In other words, promise nothing, but say only that you require a couple of weeks for consideration.

[With peace & blessing]



**L41.057**

57 - 58

Telegram from Kenneth Hurst to Dr Paul Brunton  
2371 East Live Oak Drive  
Los Angeles 28, California

Dane listing is Tony's error. Am Correcting. Remaining independent. Letter follows.

Best,  
Kenneth Hurst

**L41.059**

59 - 60

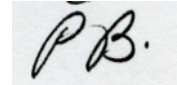


Handwritten letter from PB.  
1957

Art Gerhart arrives this Sunday morning. If you are free you could take us both to Brooklyn for the afternoon short visit to storage. In that case you could perhaps meet us at my aptmt any time after 3 pm.

(Kindly hold this package from Gil & give it me on Friday or Sunday).

Will expect you Friday evening to dinner

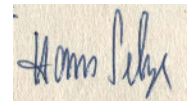
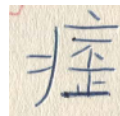


### L41.061

61 - 62

Postcard from {illegible} to Mr K.T. Hurst  
Tokyo, Japan<sup>30</sup>  
Undated letter

In<sup>31</sup> {Japanese} the word for {illegible} is



### L41.063

63 - 66

Handwritten letter from PB to Kenneth  
1100 Park NYC  
26 July 1957<sup>32</sup>

Your two cards, and one to Noel, were received, dear Kenneth

Happy you have completed your journey so far so well.

Please be sure that your information on Tasmania covers all possible immigration angles, as well as living conditions generally for types like us. Get also less full but some data on immigration only<sup>33</sup> for Americans into the Australian Commonwealth generally. There is also the need to tell Mother & Len that I advise emigration to Australia for them (South America is most probably out of the question in their thinking, and I now believe unnecessary).

Shall be pleased to see you here on day of arrival 3 August & for you to eat with us, or on the next day if you prefer.

Let me know.

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<sup>30</sup> Location appears in postmark.

<sup>31</sup> Page 62

<sup>32</sup> Year from the postmark.

<sup>33</sup> PB inserted "only" by hand.

Love



Warning<sup>34</sup> Please do not mention my interest in Tasmania, or even Australia to anyone else without exception, not even to Dan, Noel or Tony. When we two are alone, I can explain.

**L41.067**

67 - 70

Handwritten letter from PB to Kenneth  
1100 Park Avenue (Apt 16 aa) New York  
27 July

Further to my letter of yesterday dear Kenneth---

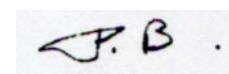
If you prefer to come Monday instead of Sat or Sunday, that will also be kept free, but please let me know as early as you can. Dan is trying to visit New York just now but I have staved him off until next week, so he will probably be around when you arrive. But I must see you alone also, re Operation Survival.

While completing Tasmania enquiry, please ascertain if (a) immigrant's personal belongings landed in Australia are subject to any customs examination or duty again after transfer to Tasmania (b) If such belongings can be landed in Australia free of duty and (c) how steep (roughly) these duties are on them and on excess baggage.

There has been some development and revision in ideas relative to Operation Survival since you left, and in the light of recent knowledge, so this Tasmania-Australia enquiry assumes new importance. I have spoken to no one about it, as additional secrecy is advisable for the present, to suit my personal needs; but it will be more hopeful and much easier<sup>35</sup> for the poor questers, I believe, under the latest recommendations, which I shall speak to you about personally.

If you have time, and since it is in the neighbourhood of the Australian High Commissioner's offices, you might visit the S P C K (Society for Propagation of Christian Knowledge) and buy for me a book (published at 5 shillings, perhaps you can get at trade discount thru Len) called "Eastern Spirituality" by "A Monk of the Eastern Church." (I write details from memory, so subject to correction.) Thanks.

Peace & Affection



P.S.<sup>36</sup> Please give my love to Mother and Len & say I hope they will heed my warning re emigration to Australia.

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<sup>34</sup> Page 65

<sup>35</sup> PB inserted "and much easier" by hand.

<sup>36</sup> Page 69

Letter from Kenny to Mother and Dad  
McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc.  
McGraw-Hill Building  
330, West 42nd Street  
New York 36, N.Y.<sup>37</sup>  
August 6, 1957

My dear Mother and Dad,

Here I am, Tuesday evening, back at the office, but all caught up with everything that went on during my absence. Things went well, with no problems. So now I can get back in the normal routine (but I plan definitely not to put in such long hours as I used to!)

In a way, it is good to get back. My little apartment looked cozy and inviting upon my return, and Mrs Rubin fixed me a salad dinner Sunday night. It was also good to come into the office yesterday morning and see everyone again; my secretary was delighted to see me again. And the perfumes for the girls, and cigarettes for the men, and ashtrays were well received!

But of course I do miss you both. I got used to being at home and I enjoyed it tremendously. I want to particularly thank you, Mother dear, for so many things: for packing my suitcase so efficiently (everything came out beautifully), for washing and ironing my shirts and things, for the little ornaments you gave me from the house (the Buddha and scorpion), for that elegant billfold which I'll use daily and remember you, for a hundred and one things -- I want to thank you!

You know, it's funny. There were so many things that I wanted to talk about: I wanted to tell you all about my apartment, about New York, about my work, and so on -- and yet somehow we didn't get around to it. But the important thing was seeing both of you, and this we did. Afterwards, one always thinks of so many things one wanted to say -- but didn't. It always seems to be like that. But I hope and think you both understand.

I enjoyed the trip tremendously. Perhaps best of all I enjoyed just staying around the house with you, Mother. But the days went all too quickly. I hope you understand about my living in America: it is my destiny, and to move on probably to Australia in a couple of years. I recognize it as such and have to obey it and to live my life as I see it. I feel that you do understand and appreciate the situation. Certainly I have achieved things here that I doubt if I ever could have in England. And they will always stand me in good stead.

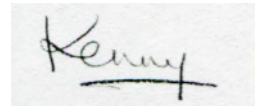
The weather has been delightful so far: sunny days with cool nights. It was pleasant to return to instead of the hot humid weather that I had been fearing. I hope it stays this way for a while!

Well, my dears, the important thing I want to say is that I love you both very much. And distance is not important when you hold people in your heart, that is where the true life is. I send my loving thoughts to you both.

For now, all my love and give Chang a big hug for me!

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<sup>37</sup> Address appears in the letterhead.



Enclosed is an odd 10/-note I returned with: put it to good use! And the check I promised you, Mother.

**L41.073**

73 - 74

Envelope from Paul Brunton Esq., to Mr Kenneth Hurst  
Box 339,  
Times Square Station,  
New York 36,  
U.S.A  
14 XI 57<sup>38</sup>

TO MR KENNETH HURST  
c/o McGraw Hill Co.

**L41.075**

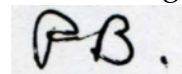
75 - 76

Handwritten letter from PB to Kenneth  
c/o Waegner  
Box 775,  
Vista, Calif<sup>39</sup>  
31/Dec. {1957}

Please open the red carton, dear Kenneth,  
and remove the Tattersall beige waistcoat for your own use. I have decided it looks too large on me.

The large envelopes in the carton together with the grey cloth bag of odds & ends, are for general storage

Peace & affection & Blessing



**L41.077**

77 - 78

Handwritten note  
Undated

Protel (storage {illegible})

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<sup>38</sup> Postmarked date.

<sup>39</sup> Address printed on letterhead is Hotel Cameron. 41 West 86th Street, New York, NY.

gown bag 1.89  
Bouffant bag 2.59  
suit bag (men) 1.69

### L41.079

79 - 80  
Letter from PB to Kenneth  
Vista. Calif.  
7 January 1958<sup>40</sup>

I have accomplished all tasks set so far, dear Kenneth...

and leave tonight for Los Angeles. Have received one airmail letter packet from you of forwarded mail.

Will you please hold all mail from now on until I can forward you the next mailing address. This may require a week's delay.

The book from Hesper is presumably Suzuki's "Mysticism Send it by book post to me c/o J.V. Masson, 2731 East Live Oak Drive, Los Angeles, 28.

The kettle from Willamsburgh Bank should be held and stored.

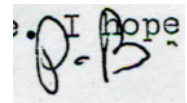
I came across some early photographs of yourself today. If you need one let me know.

Thanks for all the help on those Sundays! It was much appreciated.

When the Stacey letter arrives please forward it immediately (provided you have a mailing address to send it to)

It is good to be back in California and enjoy sunnier {climate} and warmer temperature. I hope this is an augur for our future location

[Love]



### L41.081

81 - 84  
Handwritten letter from PB to Kenneth  
Sheraton - Palace  
San Francisco 19<sup>41</sup>

1) No, your understanding about the Brazilian visas, Kenneth---

is not quite correct. You cannot get a permanent alien residence card here in USA but only after you have secured a permanent immigration visa, & after you have landed in Brazil. Anyway that is not important. The really important thing is to be able to secure the latter visa, which requires certain documents & funds. I'll explain all when I see you in NYC early April.

2) I had a letter from Bernard from Rio; he enclosed the following advert to

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<sup>40</sup> "1958" is circled and handwritten at the top.

<sup>41</sup> Address appears in the letterhead.

send on to you.

3) Brazil seems still to be the most suitable country on a totality of points and so I advise<sup>42</sup> you to concentrate on that, as I am doing.

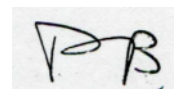
4) Noel wrote the Motor Car License Bureau in Brooklyn<sup>43</sup> & they said they sent her license to Tony's address on 5th Feb.<sup>44</sup> Will you please ask him to airmail it at once to me?

5) A large envelope of typed literary notes from Mrs Duckworth, Salford, Lanes, Eng. must have arrived by now by airmail. A second similar envelope, holding carbon copies will arrive by seamount. You may hold both in special storage for personal delivery in NYC (although the 1st one may have been forwarded by now to Calif).

6) Have dined with Pat Craig & Jim Covell in San Francisco. She & he have made great advances in character & stability, but do not contemplate emigration as she will not desert her aged parents, & he will not desert his wife!

7)<sup>45</sup> Yes please send enquiry to Grace Norcutt about the Ra Makh Hotep Photo.<sup>46</sup>

With peace & affection



**L41.085**

85 - 92

Letter from PB to Kenneth  
c/o Masson, 2371,  
East Live Oak Drive  
Los Angeles, 28  
Feb 4

Your correction of Tony's error has been noted, dear Kenneth...

...I think your original stand of independence is wise, in view of all past and present developments. It is a serious matter to place your life and fortunes at the mercy of a group which, in Brooklyn, is so immature and, in Dane's Centrum, is so largely unknown and untested. Moreover, I may be in a better position to make suggestions to you personally when I return to New York, which now seems to be likely about March 21, latest, perhaps by March 15. Much new information has been gained here and I have virtually made my own personal decision, but I would like to have the Radiation Officers' answers also, although I doubt whether they will influence it at this stage. So if you wait until we meet before entering into any commitment anywhere, you may find it advantageous. All this entre nous

Will you please write to Frances Stacey to try to get an earlier answer to the questionnaire?

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<sup>42</sup> PB crossed out "shall" by hand.

<sup>43</sup> PB inserted "in Brooklyn" by hand.

<sup>44</sup> PB inserted "on 5th Feb" by hand.

<sup>45</sup> Page 83

<sup>46</sup> KTH inserted "Done 2/27/58" in response.

While going through papers here I found several photographs of you dating back to boyhood and Naval days. If you would like to have any of them let me know.

The evening School (New School) next term in foreign language begins. I believe you said, this month. Since I have personally chosen Brazil and intend to study Portuguese, and since Bernard's and Dane's attentions are directed toward Brazil, too, would it not be fairly safe to start learning Portuguese too?

Regarding your questions about Dan (a) Dan's trip to Brooklyn certainly seems unnecessary. He knows the boys If however it is to explain the Centrum's viewpoint on all matter, spiritual and material, that is another matter, although I do not know how far he is qualified to do that. (b) I agree that if Dane fell out with Dan the former might get suspicious of Dan's friends That is a risk that may not exist as I do not know whether Dan has informed Dane that they ARE his friends.

I<sup>47</sup> have seen Dan twice and talked on the phone at length with him once since my arrival if it had not been for my desire to protect the Brooklyn boys I would not have seen him more than once. There is something fishy about his aura lately. I may be wrong but I have a feeling he has been using, or trying to use, hypnotic or occult or sorceric power to bend others to his will for selfish aims. Anyway I don't like it and no longer enjoy his society. There is a repellent quality in his aura, despite all his tall talk about spirituality.

Now as regards Dane's Centrum and the Questers, I can only piece together a few scraps obtained from Charles, Dan, and Jacques who attended a single public meeting and talked for a few minutes with Dan. However the situation seems to be this: The Centrum has only a little money but are expecting to get some funds in March when Gus, the Swiss merchant follower, sells his share of a business and turns the proceeds over. Hence they are looking out for new followers who can swell their capital. Dan has become a kind of missionary, no doubt with this aim in view. Reverend Dane, as he is known here is reported as having an honest face, refined British accent, and likeable character. But he is in the position of trying to establish a cult, uses modern American printed sales literature of a familiar type. He seems to lack prudence and has made two serious blunders (a) with the local Brazilian consul (b) on radio or Tv where he publicly said that he was moving to Brazil because the US was unsuitable for spiritual life.

Dan seems to have worked his way up into an influential position with Rev Dane, as an advisor, chief lieutenant, lawyer. He also appears to be up to his old ways of creating a very complicated situation for Dane which only Dan will be able to handle thence forth. He has arranged to accompany Dane to Rio on a preliminary survey April 1st (!) at the Centrum's expense and to negotiate visa difficulties. I have asked him to try to negotiate these difficulties with the local consul first, especially as Rio may refer him back to the consul, thus saving the expense. If however Rev Danes wants him along for other reasons, which is possible, that is his affair. But I believe he persuaded Dane to take him along, although he would not say so.

The<sup>48</sup> firm "Southgate Aluminum" with whom Dan worked for a year and

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<sup>47</sup> Page 87

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which he "quit". He has said nothing to me about the circumstances of his "quitting" but I learned from a reliable business source that the firm went into bankruptcy. The business in which he put Larry as manager, himself as promoter and adviser, and Dick Councilman as partner, was attached by creditors last week, being heavily in debt. Councilman came to see me and explained that his invention, a new camera, is also lying inert because Dan got it tied up with the business. So I understand another engineer Harvey Hanley who worked in this business for a time, refusing to join the Centrum when he heard Dan was an official of it. He said anything subject to Dan's "Lack of Judgment" would fail.

It is therefore necessary to evolve a self-protective plan if the Questers are not to come to a similar ending with the Centrum scheme. This need {not}<sup>49</sup> amount to more than a simple plan to refuse to hand over any money until they are already in Brazil; they will have to pay their own fares to Brazil. In this way they are protected to some extent. For they might turn over funds here, and even if accepted by Dane, they, or he on the group behalf, might be unable to get a Govt visa for them. Also, even if the group were granted a blanket visa their handing of funds over might not help them, although it would benefit other members of the Centrum. For since they are not organised as a war refuge scheme, but a spiritual retreat one, they were planning to spend money on local Los Angeles developments and, later, on arty-crafty city projects in Brazil. When I heard that they were buying a mansion in downtown unfashionable L.A. I intervened and phoned Dan; he used his influence on Rev Dane to abandon the deal in the nick of time, and to rent a house instead. But had I intervened 24 hours later the money would have been gone, money needed for Brazil itself I contend.

Incidentally I have found that in connection with the Centrum Dan will say what he thinks is pleasing, not what is true, like an Oriental, or more likely<sup>50</sup> what suits his plans. So whatever he tells the Brooklyn boys may not necessarily be factual. He will even lie outright, but in such a skilful evasive way that he protects himself to some extent.

Anyway if the Dane scheme falls through the Questers may have to go to Ecuador, unless they can find some better scheme, which does not seem likely. Of course, anyone who has a few thousand \$ can probably get an individual visa, but \$5000 seems the minimum required; more from some persons is asked; it depends on the person.

It is hardly likely that if you applied with only \$2,500 it would be acceptable for a visa. The other way would be to get a sponsor residing in Brazil, and that may prove the best possibility for you. But we can discuss this point when I return to NYC. Only agriculturists are favoured for visas, if they have little money. Dan was naive enough to tell me that in Rio he proposed to get a blanket visa for the Centrum on the basis that they were a religious sect. I told him not to waste his time, that every immigrant had some religion usually, as did those whose applications were refused. The development of agricultural land is what Brazil wants and on that basis there was some chance of getting a visa, since the Dane land was already bought. I would not want to express an opinion on the choice of site just now, I have done so to Dan already, but that is a matter which can be easily remedied.

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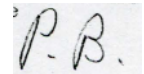
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Yes, please hold the photograph sent by Gilbert Norcutt. (2) Regarding the crate from Jenkins of Calif I do not know the name. Kindly open it and inform me what the contents are. (3) You will be receiving letters for me from the following (a) Grindlays Bank, London, Schweizer Bankverein, Zurich, Abbey National Building Society, London. The postmark or imprint (Grindlays emboss theirs on the flap) may reveal source. Anyway please send them by airmail as soon as received. They ought to have come in about now or earlier.

All good wishes for the new job!

With love



presumably the crate is intended for you

**L41.093**

93 -96

Letter from PB to Kenneth  
2371 East Live Oak Drive  
Los Angeles, 28  
5 Feb

In correction of my yesterday's letter, dear Kenneth...

let me say that a package from California was expected but not by me. I believe Noel told you someone was giving her his old tape recorder. So the crate from Jenkins may be this machine. If it is, keep it pending her return. You might however in that case examine its weight; if over 22 lb we shall have to dispose of it and get a lighter one as there is now a 100% duty on all appliances over that weight in Brazil, brought in by immigrant. Moreover duty is based on the NEW price, even though its used.

(2) I overlooked a sentence in your letter "presumably you can prevent Dan giving a misleading report (about yourself, or the Brooklyn boys) to Dane." I am sorry but I have not met Dane and so am not in a position to check<sup>51</sup> on what Dan tells him. Nor do I see any need at present for me to meet Dane. I am already getting too involved in this situation, and too much involved in supervising Dan for my liking. The Brooklyn boys will have to find someone inside the movement who is reliable to check for them. Charles is good but weak, and susceptible. He went round at Tony's request to investigate and was signed on the dotted line at this very first meeting as a member, foolishly told them he would have \$10,000 when his parents' house is sold and promised to turn this over to them. Fortunately it has not yet been sold so I was able to warn him to take a much more cautious approach. I do not know who else to suggest a I have not heard from Bernard, from Brazil. He was going to enquire on behalf of the group, he said.

The Juicer is a bit troublesome to use,<sup>52</sup> although in good order. I now

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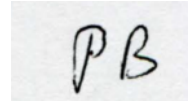
<sup>51</sup> "page 2" is typed above this word. It appears both pages of this letter have been Xeroxed on the same page.

<sup>52</sup> Page 95

understand why you won't bother with it! I have just seen a California made machine which avoids this trouble, and is very speedy and light. I am considering getting one, and selling the heavy machine I left in New York (after returning). If I do I shall send yours back. In that case, shall I send it to you or to Tony? I consider juices a necessity now.

Let me know how Hawthorn goes on and how you feel about it after a trial. The money is more important however! than feelings.

[With peace & affection]



PS Despite all the criticism of Dan and his failings, we must remember that if the Dane group really does represent a chance to move Questers into Brazil, he will surely use his influence with Dane for that purpose. His position would then be an asset. But only time will show whether the Centrum really does offer such a chance. So the Brooklyn Boys had better be tactful with Dan, even while protecting themselves, so as not to antagonise him,<sup>53</sup>

**L41.097**

97 - 100

Letter from PB to Kenneth  
2371 East Live Oak Drive,  
Los Angeles, 28  
Feb 13

I am sorry, dear Kenneth...

that these last few days have been so occupied with travel that your message and mail was received later than usual this week. I do not stay all the time in Los Angeles; it is my headquarters but I matters to attend to in various other places quite often, as I expect this to be my last visit to California.

I have written to Erna explaining the situation and giving her the required addresses/ Please telephone to the Serigraph Galleries, 38 West 57th. Street, New York 19 (Circle 5-8936) ask for Miss Herdis Teilman, and ask her (1) If she received my letter about the bronze pieces and whether it will be alright to send her the photos when you receive them from Erna. (2) Give her Erna's full name (3) If there is any change in Erna's plan we will have to act accordingly. Anyway, Miss Teilman is a friend of mine, who may, however, be changing her job at the gallery in the immediate future. Hence, the need of insuring her present address by telephone first.

There is another gallery where, although I have no personal influence, there may be some interest in the matter. It is called the Little Gallery, and is on Madison avenue. You will have to get the house number from the telephone directory. Keep this name as a last resort if Miss Teilman's effort should fail.

I shall be interested to learn if anything developed with Dan who I was told

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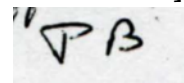
<sup>53</sup> KTH inserted "wrote air mail Feb 4, 7, 10 Ken" by hand.

went to New York. Bernard wrote me his impressions of Brazil and sent a carbon of the report which he sent to Tony. Although it is probably too late now, perhaps you had better warn Tony as well as any other Brooklyn boys who are in touch with him, not to mention that they are in touch with Dan, let alone negotiating with him, or Bernard will immediately drop the matter and refuse to help them any further. I have not the time to explain.

I found that once in Brazil one can get a permanent alien's residence card enabling one to go outside the borders for twelve months. It is my intention, as I told you earlier, to make my first South American base in Brazil. From there investigate the next country which interests me and that is, Argentina, before settling down [finally.]

I<sup>54</sup> am sorry you are being troubled with these various matters during the stress of learning a new job. But there is another one must unavoidably be added on. Noel sent her driver's license to the New York Motor Vehicles Bureau, to have her name changed, but has failed to get it back within a reasonable time. She thinks it may possibly have been sent to the address which appears somewhere on the license (Tony's address). Would you be kind enough to telephone to Tony at his S. Weiser number to ascertain if it was delivered there. If so, would Tony send it at once, please, by airmail to me, in Los Angeles. [Thanks]

[With peace & affection]



PS You might look at the picture sent by Gilbert Norcutt, Henderson, Kentucky, and check that it is my photo of Ra Mak Hotep returned. A stain, yellow, on the lower half was to have been cleaned off if poss.

**L41.101**

101 - 104

Letter from PB to Kenneth  
c/o Masson,  
2371 East Live, Oak Drive,  
Los, Angeles, 28  
March 7. 1958

Thank you dear Kenneth for so promptly sending the Govt Reports, and will you please write Frances Stacey to thank her for the effort she made in this matter. I do not need to contact her sources any more, as I have already been in contact with two new authoritative sources meanwhile. This, with the Reports, covers the ground sufficiently for me.

The fallout problem is difficult and complicated but with available data, and the need of a decision, the issue has at least become quite plain.

It would seem that since troubles of different kinds cannot be avoided it is better to prepare for them by a new approach: the Questers would do better to split up into at least two groups residing in two separate countries; better, in three

countries, two adjacent to each other. Each group can then enter, or try to enter, the country which opportunity permits it to enter where choice is not available due to limited means. The same applies to single individuals who do not want to join a group.

On this basis, those who want to go along with the Dane Centrum can do so; those who don't, can go elsewhere. The countries which have been selected (after eliminating the most<sup>55</sup> undesirable ones) are Brazil, Ecuador, Chile, Peru & Argentina (Mendoza only).

Consequently you may feel free to take up which ever language you prefer -- Spanish or Portuguese. My earlier idea that Brazil and Portuguese were the best has had to yield to these final fallout facts; there is room for debate here even among scientists.

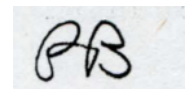
I<sup>56</sup> would suggest that you continue to maintain your independence of the Dane group, or of any group, until we can talk matters over personally. I cannot say more until then. But in strictest confidence I can say that I feel you will do better to learn Spanish in your own case. Do not interfere with others. I have not overlooked them but they must grow up. I have seen Jerry and he has matured noticeably. He will approach this Centrum matter in the attitude of an investigator working from the inside, and will unveil the facts, instead of the pipedreams of Dan.

With the Abby House letter I have now received the bank letters I asked you to forward specially, so there is no need to trouble again. Noel has received the licence from Tony, too.

I can now see that it will not be possible to return to New York before another 5 weeks.

Oh Art has mentioned in one of his letters that "Ted remarks he has heard that Kenneth is thinking of going to Brazil. He ridicules the idea." Art says he himself has said nothing to Ted. Who could have done so? In view of Ted's antagonism to the emigration idea, nothing ought to be mentioned to him about any activity connected with it. There are dangers. I am sure you could not have written him. I have not met him yet. Surely Hesper does not know?

With peace and affection



**L41.105**

105 - 110

Letter from PB to Kenneth  
2371<sup>57</sup> East Live Oak Drive,  
Los Angeles 28, Calif.,  
March 8th. 1958

I have made reservations, dear Kenneth...

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<sup>55</sup> "the most" inserted by the original editor.

<sup>56</sup> Page 103

<sup>57</sup> The address "Box 34, Cooper Station, New York 3, U.S.A." is crossed out by hand.

for a plane trip to New York on Friday, April 18th. Therefore, please send no more train mail to California and only a single lot of airmail if posted by you not later than Monday, April 14th.

(a) The airline is TWA, Tourist Air-coach, arriving in New York at 7:58 P.M. direct non-stop from Los Angeles, landing at Idlewild airport, Flight No. 4. If you are free that evening from work or engagements, I shall be very pleased to meet you either at the airport or at the air terminal in town: If you are not free, I shall manage very well with the limousine. Noel<sup>58</sup> is flying separately to Ohio, and will probably arrive in New York two weeks later.

(b) For reasons to be explained in the next paragraph, I want to stay at a hotel in the lower part of town, say from 36th. St. downwards. Will you therefore be so kind as to engage a single room on my behalf for Friday night only. Then if the hotel does not make a sufficient appeal to me, I could look around on Saturday and find another.

(c) On Monday, April 21st. or as soon thereafter, as is possible, I want to rent what is called a "loft" or small warehouse room to which I can transfer all the possessions now at the storage warehouse, in such a room, which would have to be not smaller in size than the living room of last December at the Cameron. I would spend a couple of hours daily sorting out, arranging and packing for shipment all these goods as well as making a written inventory, of the chief items. The trunks and books<sup>59</sup> stored at your attic would also be brought to this room a little later. I estimate that this room would be needed for about six weeks. Therefore, the landlord would have to grant its use either for that period alone or on a weekly basis. I know that in the downtown areas it is easier to find such a room than uptown. It would not of course, be used for living purposes. "Loft" is the technical name or you may call it "storage room". Could you inquire by phone from some Real Estate Agents in the downtown section near the village, or in the warehouse area, and find such a room for me, or possibly the Village newspapers and even the Times might have advertisements worth following up. It may be difficult to locate one so don't worry about it, as I will have time to look around after arrival.

(d)<sup>60</sup> Please keep my arrival confidential as I will notify the others at a later date. Stacy is arriving in New York on the 21st. to see me, so you may furnish him with my hotel address if he telephones you at your office.

(e) Can you write to Erna at once {and}<sup>61</sup> explain the present situation with her art productions? She wrote me a despairing letter, stating I believe, that she would not come to New York, (because of the expense involved) unless there was a definite offer to purchase them. However, I may be wrong, as I haven't her letter with me while travelling; but shall pick it up and write her myself when I return to L.A. in a couple of days' time. She says the matter is urgent because her re-entry permit expires at the end of this month.

[Looking to our next meeting  
With love]

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<sup>58</sup> Page 107

<sup>59</sup> "and books" inserted by the original editor.

<sup>60</sup> Page 109

<sup>61</sup> "at" in the original.

P.B.

L41.111

111 - 114

Letter from Dr Paul Brunton to Kenneth  
2371 East Live Oak Drive,  
Los Angeles 28.  
March 20th 1958

The carbon copies of the notebook typed work from Mrs Duckworth, Hopebank, 13, Lancaster Road, Salford 6, Lancs, dear Kenneth... have been received but the originals which were sent by airmail, and ought to have arrived 10 days earlier, have not been received. Will you therefore kindly check your stored packets, printed paper packets, etc. to search for this. There are about seventy pages, 8 1/2 x 5 1/2. If you find they are not in your possession, please check with the postmaster at Times Square Station, in case the envelope burst open, and the contents were spilled. If you draw blank there, notify me at once, and I shall write to Mrs Duckworth to institute a search at the British post office.

If you do locate the originals, please hold them in a specially safe place for delivery on my return to New York.

I have seen Ted Spicer. He thinks it quite illogical to think an atomic war is coming so I did not pursue the subject. I do not know who told him about your going off to Brazil, but most probably it is as you say Mother who told someone, either Hesper directly, or through Watkins, as Hesper corresponds with Ted. May I suggest that you advise Mother to be more discreet and not to mention your plans to anyone. Under ordinary train mail I have sent you today, several of your earlier photos which you may like to keep.

Regarding the periodic nature of the movement of pain from the small of your back to the shoulders, arms, and legs, may indicate that it is not due to a mineral deposit but either a muscular or nerve inflammation. If it is muscular, I know that vitamin E treatment has been very helpful in such cases. You can get Vitamin E from raw wheat germ, wheat germ oil, and rice polishings (the latter have to be mixed in with your liquids in the blender and not used dry. A more concentrated form is capsule<sup>62</sup> form which you can get from Hudson's curtate pharmacy by mail. There are on Lexington Ave. opposite Grand Central Station, (see phone directory for exact address.) I also enclose a short note on how you can treat yourself by a psychospiritual method.

Can you please furnish on your most magnificent business letterhead a Letter of Introduction, testifying to the fact that "we have known Mr Paul Brunton for several years and our business and personal relationship with him have always been satisfactory. We regard him as a capable writer. He is the author of such books as "Indian Philosophy and Modern Culture" "A Hermit In The Himalayas" [and] "The Spiritual Crisis of Man" Mr Brunton is a man of high character and we are pleased

to have the opportunity of testifying on his behalf."

It does not matter for my purpose which of your company letterheads you find it most convenient to use. Please make two further copies (which must be originally typed, not carbons, likewise on printed stationary.) Address one Letter to "The Consul General for Peru," another to "The Consul General for Chile," and a third for the "Consulate for Ecuador." Please consider this matter as urgent and send by airmail as soon as possible (all three in a single envelope).

From this you will see the trend of my present activities. I know you are tremendously busy but cannot help asking you for this assistance.

The questers have withdrawn from the Dane Group, by my recommendation, and Tony has been advised accordingly.

Noel sends you her love.

[With peace & affection

P.S. If it is not possible for you to word the Introduction letter as above, make any variation you feel compelled to make as you please]

#### **L41.115**

115 - 116  
Letter from PB to Kenneth  
Los Angeles  
April 12

Have had to postpone my trip to NYC from the 18th to the 21st (Monday) dear Kenneth...

I am due to leave by TWA airline tourist coach flight #98 due at Idlewild airport new york 8.28 p.m. same day

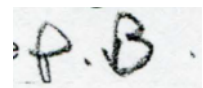
So please cancel any Friday night reservation at hotel and replace by Monday night.

In view of the lateness of the hour there is no need for you to attempt to meet the plane, unless you specially want to.

Stacey will be phoning you Tuesday [april 22nd] at the office to know where to reach me, so you may offer him an appointment for me for Tuesday evening – say 6 p.m.

ALSO - Noel will now have to remain in California for 3 to 4 weeks before coming east, when she will probably go to Ohio first for a fortnight. So a 1-person room is all I need.

Love



#### **L41.117**

117 - 118  
Letter from PB  
2371 E. Live Oak Drive,



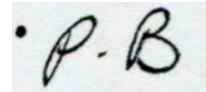
Los Angeles 28  
April 18th. 1958

This letter cancels the two previous notifications about my arrival in New York.

It has at last been possible for me to secure a non-stop plane with the result that I will be able to arrive at an earlier and more convenient hour, for both of us. The new arrangement is that I arrive at Idlewild Airport Monday, April 21st. at 6:45 p.m. Flight No. 670, American Airlines.

Thank you for your letter agreeing to meet me at the airport. Yes, I have since received your explanation of the situation with Erna.

So, until we meet on Monday night, with Peace and Affection.



[Hope we can dine together Monday nite]

**L41.119**

119 - 120

Handwritten letter from PB to Kenneth  
Friday 18th

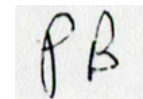
To Mr Kenneth Hurst  
(Arriving From Sydney)

You Will Be Met At The City Teal Line Terminal By Dr Brunton When Your Coach Arrives About 7.45 Pm. Saturday 10 November.

Kenneth,

This is to confirm yesterday's letter. I have changed to another plane flight 670 American Airlines. Monday 21st April. Arriving Idlewild Airport 6.45 pm.

Hope you can meet plane & dine with me.



**L41.121**

121 - 124

Letter from PB to Kenneth  
Monday 1958<sup>63</sup>

Your Friday night letter, dear Kenneth...

reached me in time. Thanks.

I sent you the warehouse authority yesterday

Thank you too for going thru the hotel room to remove items I overlooked in

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<sup>63</sup> KTH inserted "1960" and then changed it to "1958" by hand in the top right corner.



the hurry and pressure; I did not want the papers of course but they should not have been left there

Your personal remarks are adequately appreciated, and will be remembered.

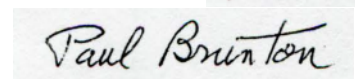
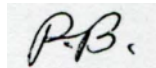
It seems that the large majority of the letters you will clear from Bx 339 will have to be stored with you for some months, as I shall be moving too often to wait for steamer mail, and as I will have no time to answer ordinary correspondence. So only a few selected letters will be worth airmailing to the addresses I shall furnish—dealing with business, financial, travel, or very special personal mail.

In case you need to refresh memory the code for Bx 339 is: From any point on the dial turn knob forward clockwise 3 complete circles, then continue to mid E & F. (b) Then between B & C. (c) Turn forwards short distance and stop at F Open.

Duttons<sup>64</sup> annual Royalty check was due a week ago. It should come in now. Please endorse it on back, copying my signature as on this letter, and pay into my account at First National City Bank, 640 Fifth Avenue (corner 51 St) filing the official deposit slips you will find on tables, and retain the carbon copy official returns to you for mailing along with airmail next time. Thanks I have to keep a thousand dollars minimum in the bank for emergencies. You may retain Bank Monthly Statements for inclusion with Seamail when I send for it, but always<sup>65</sup> check that there is a \$1000 minimum if not notify me next airmail letter

I am not seeing any quester since I have no time outside of official business and impending Mexican departure.

With Peace and Affection



[for check]<sup>66</sup>

## L41.125

125 - 126

Handwritten letter from PB to Kenneth

1306 Veteran Avenue,

Westwood, Los Angeles, 24,

California

Undated letter

Kenneth!

Your letter of June 8 shows you are beginning to understand the Quest as it is and I greatly appreciate your words. It's a lifetime affair, as I often say, so with patience it begins to justify itself. Anyway as I shall spend the entire fall and, most probably, the winter in New York we shall have time for detailed discussion (on my side) there. (Keep my visiting dates confidential but plans are to leave here in time to arrive nyc about September 10th)

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<sup>64</sup> "JU2-7500 0495-8216" is handwritten in margin near this paragraph.

<sup>65</sup> Page 123

<sup>66</sup> PB wrote "for check" by hand with an arrow pointing to his signature.

The Walter Thompson news is important as they have widespread international interests - even in India - and that is more in line with our future movements

re J. Lovewisdom: Write to Mrs E V. LEISTER, Route 1, Box 6730 SONORA, Calif for data about J.L.'s sickness. Give her stamped envelope. Then send it me. I'll give it to Sam Lohr, who is willing to go to the hospital & spend couple days helping J.L. Do not write to him yourself at present.]

Do<sup>67</sup> not let my proviso concerning 'detailed discussion' stop it on your side. Go ahead whenever you feel like it.

Pile up the pressure on Karen to stop smoking, not merely reduce it. Send her the cuttings that appear about its health dangers. There was also a report this week that 1 ½ million American smokers have abandoned the habit. And don't forget that I hope YOU will join them too!

You ask how you can help prepare for my return. Well the first step is to find an apartment and the best way is to advertise in the New York Times under the Wanted Furnished Apt Rentals 5 or 6 weeks before I need it. But I am willing to gamble an advert placed now in case someone has plans made for their fall departure. Something like this: "Sept [15th, 3 to 6 months. Author,<sup>68</sup> single, careful tenant, elderly. 2 rooms, very quiet street".

I find the addition of "careful tenant" pays well. Do not use the "Tribune Herald," as replies were previously only a fraction of those from the Times. Send me the replies, & cost of advt.

Erna is supposed to be translating "The Inner Reality" into Italian and I must write her about it now. Have you a later address than Verona, and if not, send me the Verona one. And have you heard from her since the one returned enclosed?

When is your vacation due, or is it too early to say? Can you use another 5" spool of new tape for the Ampro? If so I'll send it

Since the news of my divorce, Norma stopped writing me. Perhaps because she did not hear from me directly about it. So I've stopped writing too! Burkhart has dropped out since several months too.

Jobs. (1) Write CLIF BENNETT, 2189 PENDOZI, KELOWNA, British Columbia, Canada for any available copies of JIM CORSA's earlier writings. Enclose postage.]

Sorry<sup>69</sup> can't explain this jumping about from typing to handwriting -- too busy! (write Bennett on your letterhead but use home address) (2) get details and literature of 'Midgetape' tape recorder dictating machine made by MOHAWK BUSINESS MACHINES CORP, New York. [(3) locate Zen (Buddhist) group in New York which publishes "Zen Notes" (There are two groups--The First Zen Association and Zen Buddhist Temple). Get a copy of the issue published last year which contained an interview with Abbot Reverend SOGEN ASAHINI (visitor from Japan) don't mention my name of course<sup>70</sup>

Dan seems to have improved and we meet periodically. He is trying!

The enclosed para re Veg Hotel (from Romaine) may be thrown away if

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<sup>68</sup> PB changed "Writer" to "Author" by hand.

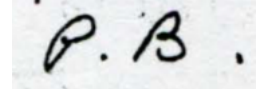
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<sup>70</sup> D.T. Suzuki's successor (or one of them). -TJS '19

useless.

I am well in all ways and look forward to seeing you. Perhaps if you have time then we may see a little more of each other than last time—but that would probably mean more work too for you!!

Peace & affection



### **L41.131**

131 - 132  
Letter to Aunt Win  
April 6, 1959

Dear Aunt Win:

I was deeply upset and shocked to hear of Uncle Bill's passing.

I had been meaning to write you two since the beginning of the year, but pressure of business kept putting it off. Anyway, I am now remembering him in my prayers... and believing in the power of the Spirit I am sure this will reach him.

You must have gone through a great deal and it must have been a harrowing experience for you. I send you my deepest sympathies on your ordeal.

I was always very fond of Uncle Bill. He was a fine man. I liked his quiet sense of humour and his interest in books and gardening. I always enjoyed visiting you two.

Those who go before us are not really gone. Their love for us still remains to provide a bridge and we in turn can send them out love to provide assistance for them in their new experiences. If we believe in the loving power of God, we must also believe that all happens for good and we must trust in Him. This can be a great solace in such times.

I send you my love, Aunt Win. Together with upholding thought to bring you strength and comfort.

God bless you!

### **L41.133**

133 - 136  
Handwritten postcard from PB to Kenneth Hurst  
24 Aug 1959<sup>71</sup>

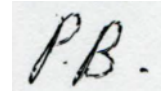
Kenneth Hurst  
apt 12-G.  
7 Park Avenue  
New York (16)  
N.Y.

Hope to see you this coming Sunday. Do not know at what hotel I shall stay

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<sup>71</sup> Postmarked date.

in NYC. All well, and much accomplished  
Shall phone on return anyway



**L41.137**

137 - 140

Handwritten letter from PB to Kenneth  
October 30 1959

1) When I wrote in the previous letter, dear Kenneth---

that the 1st National Bank of New York balance ought to be kept at {\$}1000 I did not mean that it was urgently necessary to do so, only for future eventualities in the USA connections. Anyway I want to make it clear that I did not want you to pay in your own money if it falls below the thousand but merely to inform me of the fact and I will take care of the matter.

2) If Duttons have not paid in the annual royalty cheque this month, to Box 339, then something has gone wrong. In that case please phone the Treasurer (who used to be Mr Holwell, and knew me) and ascertain why, as it has always hitherto been paid during the first 2 weeks of October (due Oct 1st) and see that it is paid soon.

3) When you have the trunk of books & clippings filled (the freight forwarders who are holding all my bags & books have now asked me for it, so that they can consolidate the crating) send it by the cheapest way (Railroad freight, not express), after affixing padlock, (then send me the key) to:

(carriage prepaid)<sup>72</sup>

Commercial Export Packers.

A/C Dr P Brunton<sup>73</sup>

6118, Ferguson Drive

Los Angeles (22)

California

Send them a postcard notifying {box} gone to this firm, with a carbon copy to my agents:<sup>74</sup>

Loretz & Co.

108, West Sixth Street

Los Angeles (14)

California

and say this on my behalf.

4) The {Mexican} meeting having been successfully accomplished, and other

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<sup>72</sup> "(carriage prepaid)" is handwritten in the right margin.

<sup>73</sup> PB inserted "a/c Dr P. Brunton" by hand.

<sup>74</sup> KTH inserted "Done 12/31/59" by hand.

business done there same time, I am now en route to<sup>75</sup> the Far East, Australia and New Zealand. I shall arrange a mailing address as soon as possible for you.

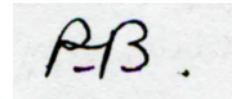
5)<sup>76</sup> To cover your outlays for the box freight, and postages in the future, and other expenses that I may probably ask of you later, I enclose \$70.

(6)<sup>77</sup> As soon as you get my next letter, with an address, let me know if you can receive mail safely at your private residence, & repeat the full address there, inc. apt #.

(7)<sup>78</sup> Sam Lohr made me promise, during his NYC visit, to send him 9 Readers Letters for him to reply to. Well I send by ordinary mail<sup>79</sup> 5, to go on with, and shall send the other 4 later. Please put in new envelope and re-mail<sup>80</sup> them to him, for me, 10862 BLOOMFIELD St, North Hollywood Calif. I have not yet told him I've gone abroad, so wait till I send the other 4, before doing so

8)<sup>81</sup> Under separate cover, and by ordinary mail, I send a packet of papers which I don't need to carry about. They should be put inside the box of clippings and books.

With thanks for your help,  
Peace & affection



## L41.141

141 - 142

Handwritten letter from PB to Kenneth  
In train to Chicago  
{1959}<sup>82</sup>

Here is the authority for the warehouse, dear Kenneth--

When I suggested that you phone Mr Beaumont Glass, I did not think that you might not know his 'new' phone #. Well, it is on the address book page which I left at my hotel inside the plain envelope. I do not know the phone # but the house # is 41 West 83rd St.

This is a good chance for me to tell you that I am grateful for your ready cooperation and devoted service.

You have gone a long way in your professional career. May you find equal success in your spiritual career!

With Peace and affection

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<sup>76</sup> "Red" is handwritten in the margin next to this paragraph.

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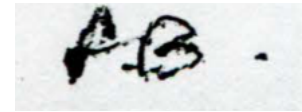
<sup>78</sup> "Red (5)" is handwritten in the margin next to this paragraph.

<sup>79</sup> "enclose" changed to "send by ordinary mail" by PB himself.

<sup>80</sup> PB inserted "put in new envelope and re-" by hand.

<sup>81</sup> "Red" and "Done" handwritten by KTH in the margin near this paragraph.

<sup>82</sup> KTH wrote "1947" in the top left corner of page which was then changed to "1959" in a different hand.



I am relying on nothing external, but this effort which was started 1 1/2 years ago, and seemed so forlorn then, has justified itself so far. Now comes my own final lap, and soon my outer work will be at an end in regard to this particular {mission}. But it can't be carried out in the USA.

## L41.143

143 - 144

Handwritten letter from PB to Kenneth  
C/O Thos. Cook & Son,  
9 Commerce Street, Auckland.  
New Zealand.  
November 25th 1959.

1) Your Airletter and also Air Envelope of Nov 14 received, dear Kenneth---

The above address will remain effective until, and including, the next batch of airmail. Thereafter, replace it by: c/o Thos Cook & Son.

142, FEATHERSTON Street, WELLINGTON, N. 3.  
until further instructions.

2) What you have done is OK, except that the following new or changed instructions should now be noted. (a) Since I can now furnish mail address and receive airmail within about 2 weeks, including forwarding by Cooks, do not take any action in any matter yourself but turn all over to me, if you think the urgency warrants it. This includes Publishers as well as friends and questers. In that case of course the mimeographed statement need not be sent, as it now is, or a second one devised to meet such cases, merely saying I am abroad and difficult to reach but endeavour would be made. (b) You may release the 5 letters to Sam as it will be a long wait before the others will be ready. (c) Do not let yourself be rushed into taking action, without my agreement, by urgent pressing demands from questers or friends. Sometimes the pressure may be almost hysterical but even so do not accede. Simply inform me in all such cases & I will either replay direct, or instruct you, or remain silent. (d) The mimeographed statement is to be revised. The new wording should be: "Paul Brunton has gone abroad. He will be travelling extensively in distant areas<sup>83</sup> for an indefinite period. It is difficult to reach him with mail but an endeavour will be made from time to time. He will not ordinarily be in a position to send<sup>84</sup> written replies as he has withdrawn into semi-retirement,<sup>85</sup> but eventually he will read your letter and attend to it mentally anyway."

(e) I am writing to Janina direct and must handle this matter personally. I already sent her a couple of letters this summer about it, but they seem to have gone astray as she was travelling with her employer on holiday

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<sup>83</sup> PB inserted "in distant areas" by hand.

<sup>84</sup> PB inserted "send" by hand.

<sup>85</sup> PB inserted "as he has withdrawn into semi-retirement," by hand.

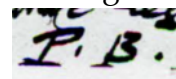
(f) Gilbert Norcutt: as you sent him the mimeo statement no further action is needed. He will write again later but simply reply by sending him the revised mimeo. I wrote him from Honolulu. Do not lend him money.

(g) I am writing Riders re Hindi.

(h) Am keeping well, and constantly busy. May leave NZ early Jan but not certain of next destination yet.

(i) You may send one batch of sea mail to the Wellington address but no further lots.

With affectionate regards



P.S. If you have Noel's phone # please ring and inform her of my safe arrival in NZ.

**L41.145**

145 - 146

Letter from Kenny to Mother  
Hawthorn Books, Inc.  
70 Fifth Avenue,  
New York 11, N.Y.<sup>86</sup>

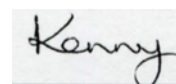
Dear Mother,

I received the enclosed letter from Trixie, and thought you should see it.

I'm sure that both you and Uncle Bassa would want to patch things up. After all, you are brother and sister and life is too short for misunderstandings. Mum-mum would be very unhappy if she knew about it. And poor little Karen is being punished unfairly; she needs Aunties and you and Aunt Helga are important to her.

Won't you please think it over? It only takes one of you to approach the other and everything will be right as rain again - and you'll both be happy for it. Why not start the New Year right and forget and forgive old business? You'll be glad you did. Otherwise you'd only regret it later.

Please...?



**L41.147**

147 - 150

Letter from Trixie to Ken  
14.12 59.

[Dear Ken.]

Thank you for your nice Xmas card and glad I got it early as I see I've sent to the wrong address - so - I dashed round to the Bank and got some money and bought you another one (not so nice as the first)

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<sup>86</sup> Address appears in the letterhead at bottom of the page.

How are things with you, on the up and up we hope. We were most dreadfully disappointed not to see you when you were here. Don't understand it really, as after all we have an address any letter will reach us and anyone in Barnet will know Bosworth Rd. We were awfully upset once again this year, as we heard only casually from Doreen (no-one yet has ever told us they were here) that two of the Danish folk were over here. They gave us wonderful hospitality when we were there and we would have been most glad to show them our house and home and return the hospitality, but no, we never saw them probably never come to England again. Apparently Helga & Leslie came to London to meet them, and have been up again since, but not to us. Haven't seen any of them for long over a year. Karen has grown into a lovely girl and they will get such a shock if and when they do see her. As you know she has long summer holidays, then Xmas and Easter, but not once has she been asked to see or visit them. As you know Karen is her Godmother, but it seems as far as they are concerned she doesn't exist. I can understand they feel justified in not caring about us, but Karen is different. She's never had any grandparents, which I think is a big miss for a child, and she often says herself, "My Aunties never invite me to see them". Ah well, mustn't worry you with this, but it depresses me very much sometimes, and I can see no reason for it as far as Guivers are concerned.

John has just sent her a magazine. Arizona Highways has the most gorgeous photos I've ever seen, you must try and get it December issue, large photogravure of the Xavier Mission outside Tucson, which I expect you visited.

By the way his address is: PVS. (promotion from Private) J. TOTTRUP, US 56308894, Co. Headquarters, VO 6470, Fort Huachuca, Arizona, U.S.A. Seems to be getting through his time comfortably enough, but of course, would rather be in civvy street. Took the lead in a play they had (had to be an Englishman) and had rave notices in fact the words "Superb performance) were used, so presume he must have been good. Had dinner afterwards and he was congratulated by the G.O.C. and many others. There will be another and he says, it's an awful strain the rehearsing, and he was going to stand down, but they have persuaded him to do it again, and as he says, it is a great interest and the weeks seem to fly so just as well. Apparently the Fort is marvellously equipped in every way, wonderful recreation centre, but you can imagine its far<sup>87</sup> from any Town (buses few and far between) so its awkward for dates etc. He seems to enjoy his leaves tho with one or the other of his friends. One of his immediate buddies is half Mexican and he spent his last leave with his family in Mexico eating genuine Mexican diet, great experience. Sent me a love serape which I can either have as a table cover or for a sensation, an evening wrap. We were worried about his leaves with no home to go to, but as he says ~~thousands~~ of most of the others are in the same boat as they live thousands of miles from Arizona and are not able to get home. Altogether I think he is quite happy there. We were hoping he would be posted to Europe but no luck, as then of course, he could easily have flown over to England. He is something to do with the office work of Court Martials etc. etc. They have WAACS there, but he says none of them interest him. He is still fancy free, as I take it, you are.

Expect you know about our lovely summer, was really grand. Went to Scotland (again my card will not have reached you) it was wonderful, rugged

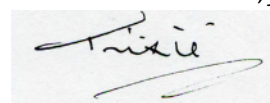


grandeur is exactly the right description for it. Unspoilt and miles of lovely moors, mountains and lochs nothing to mar it, we've never seen such scenery. Collected a lot of crystal, and other stone from the bottom of waterfalls and disused mines, wonderful stuff. Will definitely go again, had wonderful hotels all along the line, and the last one just at the end of Loch Ness, was a gamekeepers cottage, altho lovely house I would call it, and it was like being in another world. Lovely gracious stairs and rooms, the yard and stables, full of puppies, geese, ferrets, cats, and young grouse chicks. He took Karen out to see some of the pheasants and grouse which they feed for quite a while. It was so quiet and beautiful at night, and they were such nice people, looked forward to us going back and talking. The immediate big house belonged to one of the Guinness' and they have big shooting parties, and Mr Munro had to go out with the guns. We had one week at Keswick, and strangely enough stayed at a Steiner House, very nice too, and met Miss Dean there we talked of you and the old days, didn't mention we had not seen Karen and Len. Was lovely there too.

Hope to go abroad again this year, and Karen is going to Italy at Easter with a party from her School, so she is a lucky young lady.

Well, hope you are well and happy,

Love from us all here,]



## L41.151

151 - 154

Handwritten letter from Trixie to Karen

32. Boxworth Rd

Tuesday

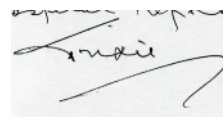
Dear Karen

I am very grateful to you for your letter. I agree with what you say, it would have been much better unsaid.

I would like to say this that I do not dislike you. Anytime we've seen {illegible} I've always asked about you, & regretted the position we had put ourselves in. I was so pleased when some time back we seemed to have got back to normal. I also many times appealed to obstinate Bussa to apologise to you. {illegible} does now.

I think Karen told you we had been to see Fred & family. The last time<sup>88</sup> we saw them Teddy had gone back to Australia. He's now back again & is a fine good looking boy. We were very pleased to see the happy relationship between them all, as he had a very unhappy childhood. {illegible} is 19!! - Betty 15, leaving school at Easter. She's coming to see us in the summer.

Will let you know the hospital report.]



## L41.155

155 - 158

Handwritten letter from PB to Kenneth  
c/o Thos. Cook & Son,  
350 George Street,  
Sydney (N.S.W.) Australia  
28 December 59

This is just to inform you, dear Kenneth---

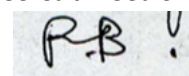
that I leave New Zealand today. My next mailing address will be Australia, so please use the one above until further instructions

Mrs E. Zurich's parcel should be returned to her, with thanks, but say I am abroad and that no gifts can be forwarded or accepted during my absence, nor later even.

I have no time to write more but will do so from Australia. When packing the grey trunk for California include the "Call Divine" & "Vision" magazines & "Fellowship of Meditation Notes" & "Joel Goldsmiths Monthly Mimeo Magazine" received to date

If the King Hall News Letters have accumulated you might chance sending them by seamail in one batch to Sydney, without troubling to censor them. Incidentally if you speak to or write those who are likely to write me at any time, warn them to omit any mention of censurable subjects.

Peace & affection



P.S.<sup>89</sup> 1) But try to discourage attempts to correspond 2) Hold all Xmas cards.

## L41.159

159 - 162

Letter from PB to Kenneth T Hurst  
Melbourne  
26 January 60

This acknowledges your letters Nov 14, 21, 28, Dec 12 Jan 4 & 7 plus Rider and Ramsay. No seamail material has arrived, Moreover you must allow a minimum of [2 months]<sup>90</sup> for seamail, not a month. The diary has not arrived, for instance (2) Do not accept any gifts, like the diary and Gillies handkerchiefs. Either

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<sup>90</sup> "6 weeks" changed to "2 months" by the original editor.

return them saying I shall be abroad a long time and they can't {illegible}<sup>91</sup> or kept, or if you think advisable, consult me first. In any case they may be liable to confiscation {illegible}<sup>92</sup> here if undeclared on envelope. All gifts are dutiable {illegible}<sup>93</sup> percent I do not need them, they may go astray, cause extra work all round, and expense. (3) I expect to reach Adelaide on the 29th January, remaining one week, and then fly to Perth. I have used various planes on this trip, but that will be my first Jet experience. (4) I ought to have told you to keep all magazines that I subscribe to; the printed matter ban was for publicity stuff. So please do so now and they can go into a postal parcel sent to an address you should get from me just before you leave NYC

(5) You have not mentioned whether Nancy's expected marriage materialised? You may now see more clearly the truth about this situation. If you communicate again with her give her my good wishes and kind thoughts. (6) If a letter from Mr Doraiswami, of the Ceylon Govt Legation, in Canberra, Australia, should have come by mistake thru NYC, it must be airtailed immediately. Or it may have been sent from his office in Wellington, New Zealand. (7) I shall be curious about the result of the Doubleday mailing such {illegible}<sup>94</sup> as WISDOM to a lowlevel occult list. (8) Please note that I am no longer able to get involved in questers and readers personal lives affairs or spiritual problems. I must not be diverted from time and energy requiring aims that affect millions of others. Therefore hold out no hope that I shall write to any or even that you can get in touch with me soon. Thus informing Ramsay that his letter had been airtailed to me promptly was a mistake. I had no contact with them for years, and do not want to have any. It is more prudent to say, under such circumstances, where others exert pressure, that their letter will eventually reach me but that I have withdrawn from such correspondence and travelling abroad. Make it pleasanter by saying this is the situation for most of the coming year. (9) Xmas cards can be listed and after I have received the list, and mentioned if any are required, the rest can be destroyed. (10) I know the address of drugstore where bought tongue scrapers but at last attempts they were unprocurable. Store could not get further supplies. You may try haphazardly. (10) Re Dan's letter tell him I asked you to acknowledge it, explain my difficulty about giving no one without exception personal instruction about the quest under present circumstances, so I hope he will excuse my not referring to the points, but say I hope when present emergency is over to be better able to deal with such matters. In any case I send him always my affectionate good wishes and bid him rise above the movements of good and bad karma into cultivating constant calmness. Further tell

(11)<sup>95</sup> About your own leaving USA it may be worth reconsidering whether, in view of the extraordinary change in the international situation, you may find it worth while to save a few more months' pay. If I tell you the inside story of what happened last two months before I left USA, and since, you will realize that there is

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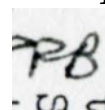
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an implacable determination to {illegible}<sup>96</sup> on the part of the chief leaders. The most fantastic things are happening, proving the points I have made. I see no likelihood of this year, both the inner and out situation is against it. So why not spend the pleasant spring in NYC and build up the bank account. Costs are very high and thousands of dollars will be needed. When I end a month's stay in Perth I will have enough knowledge to send you the promised impression of NZ and Australia as a possible emigration locale. I do not know what my next move after Perth will be

(12) Let me know the results of the operation. Adenoids, yes, but tonsils—well I doubt it is so necessary to remove them

(13) Re sending the mimeograph slip to readers, you may do so but ought it not to be sent together with the new one saying I have gone abroad? But do not let anyone involve you in correspondence, as in Mr Copper's case (The Hague man)—only mimeographed matter should be sent, if at all. (14) clip and airmail article in January "US NEWS AND WORLD REPORT" on {illegible}<sup>97</sup> (15) I suppose you noted Jacques offer to let questers stay on his farm in Uruguay. If anyone is interested they will have to get details of conditions (15) Inform Arthur that large numbers of Dutch immigrants have been coming into New Z and Australia, and are welcome

[With my Peace & affection & thanks]



## L41.163

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Duplicate of L41.159

## L41.167

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Letter from Kenneth to Arthur  
29 West 12th Street  
New York, N.Y.  
February 20, 1960

Your recent letter, my dear Arthur...

will eventually be forwarded to PB but he is travelling abroad extensively in distant areas for an indefinite period. It is difficult to reach him with mail but an endeavour will be made from time to time. He will not ordinarily be in a position to send written replied as he has withdrawn into semi-retirement, but eventually he will read your letter.

I have been meaning to write and tell you that latest developments indicate that the situation has cleared considerably. There seems no likelihood of trouble during this year.

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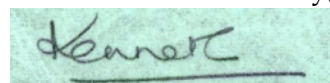
<sup>97</sup> One or more words have been whited out.

As a result, I and the others have postponed our move until at least the beginning of 1961 -- perhaps later, depending on future developments. I will keep you informed.

PB asked me to tell you that there are a large number of immigrants from Holland in Australia and New Zealand, and that they are welcome there.

I will keep in touch, dear Arthur. Meantime, I trust you are enjoying good health and that all is well with you.

With kindest regards,  
Fraternally,



## L41.168

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Letter to Mr Rascher  
23 January 1961

Rascher & Co  
Zurich

Dear Mr Rascher

I am deeply sorry you have had to wait for an answer to your letter of November 18, as well as the one of 18 January 1960. I have been in spiritual retreat, inwardly active for world peace, and had to neglect business and correspondence during that time. But now I apologise, as I take up my work again.

(1) The rumour of my death is due to these long silences of mine during the last 2 - 3 years. It was published in South America, and spread in Europe. I am in excellent health and hopefully for peace.

(2) As I had no new changes to make in {ENTDECKE} DICH SELBST, and none have been made in the English language editions, your new printing of it is quite alright. The complimentary copies may be sent to the above address, to which you may also send the Statement of Accounts, since I expect to remain here until the end of this year. The SECRET EGYPT edition may be sent here too, and all letters.

(3) Please pay all Royalties into my Private Account Number 35,091<sup>98</sup> at {SCHWEIZERISCHEP} {BANKVEREIN}, Paradeplatz, Zurich, and do not send them to New York or to here.

If there is any other information you wish, I shall now be glad to answer you more quickly.

With kind personal regards to yourself, and to Frau Poggensee,

Sincerely yours,

## L41.169

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<sup>98</sup> "Number 35,091" is circled and "cancelled in letter April 19/61" is handwritten by PB himself in the margin.

Letter from PB to Kenneth  
c/o Thos Cook & Son,  
30 Forrest Place,  
Perth West Australia  
27 March 60<sup>99</sup>

This acknowledges your letters Jan 30 & Feb 7, dear Kenneth

I am surprised to find that two months have elapsed since I wrote you. Time is eating events so quickly! (1) Regarding the 'Missing' letter of December 28, I must have received it, read it, and destroyed it immediately—something I never ordinarily do, for I well remember receiving a Xmas card or letter from Marge Burkley but it did not contain a check. I well remember this because I have not received any checks thru the mail since leaving USA so that Harold's stands out. You might search among the remaining Xmas cards for Burkley's check, if there was one, in case it got mislaid. Anyway this is a good chance to tell you that if anyone sends a check again, do not forward it to me as I have no bank account here and would have to send it to my American bank. It would be safer for you to pay it into my account at 640 Fifth Avenue, imitating my signature for endorsement. But before you did so, you ought to inform me and hold the check back. I may not wish to accept it, so you should await my reply.

(2) Yes I like your Olympia typeface. The machine is sold here but at a price higher than that in the States, which will give you an idea of the stiffness of Customs duty. (3) The seamail sent Nov 19 was received and the copy of "SP" The diary went astray but there are plenty here

(4) I have not seen the SEPost Sept 5 art nor {illegible}<sup>100</sup> don't think I need to. Anyway if there is anything new in them which might affect geographical decisions just tell me in a sentence or two (5) I would like more details of Art Gerhart's impressions of S.A. and his objections. (6) Yes I meant you to pass on the 1960 green signal to the others too. However this does not mean that the year will pass easily. E. stands almost alone as those around him still follow the old pattern of thought and he has his weak moments of doubt. However M. is his fortifier. If the opportunity of the {illegible}<sup>101</sup> is not taken, 61 or 62 may be decisive. Your plan to stay throughout the year to get enough after paying taxes is alright. If, in my opinion, there is any real adverse change I shall inform you immediately, but as you know I don't expect on At present a January to March exit is indicated. (6)<sup>102</sup> Do not renew Intelligence Digest nor any other magazine. But tell me when an expiration notice is received so that I may decide This is a good time to make such changes. (7) I had told Jane & Mike I would give them the only Reader's address I had in Chile It has finally turned up. "Teresa Cohen, Classificador 163, Santiago" Please send it to them, if they want it still Michael Frantz c/o U.S. Embassy Santiago is the address they sent in October. I do not want to write them yet as I do not want them, or anyone else, to know of my movements just now. Anyway you can tell them I shall

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<sup>99</sup> "(There is a cyclone raging outside so I'll post tomorrow)" is typed next to the date.

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<sup>102</sup> A notation is added here by hand pointing to a place further down in the letter, but the intent is difficult to decipher. Please see scan of original for details.

be interested to know if their first favorable impressions have been maintained, and how they are getting on. (8) Who sent the color photo of Gayatri Devi, with 2 lady disciples? Was it her or was it her disciple who lives at Cohasset? (9) Can you ascertain the title of an autobiography published by Ram Gopal, the Indian Dancer, apparently in England? I have no particular desire to read it so do not buy it but if it is possible to look thru a copy, please do so and note if he refers to PB, which would probably be about the middle of the book if he did mention him. Also you might look at a book which was included in Weiser's 1959 list THE LAST REVELATION by Colin Althouse. Just judge whether this is real or psychic, and give your opinion and a paragraph summary. (10) Ask Cosmo to write me a {note how} he is getting on, for enclosure with your letter and {give}<sup>103</sup> my warm greetings (11) Yes get the "New Yorker"<sup>104</sup> clips Oct {illegible} 7 59 article series "Apologies to the Iroquois" as {mentioned} Bear Anderson and send them to me by letter mail (air) {cut out} advts and margins to reduce weight (##) Yes inform Cosmo of L. {Bramah's} death. If he knows already, perhaps he can give some details? (###) Your brief note February 20 also in. mentions a letter airmail sent Jan 25 containing key to Grey Trunk. I cannot find the letter and don't remember about the key, but doubt whether it was received. The only key I have here of which I am not sure is this: Can you remember & describe both key & padlock? And did you declare the key for Customs? You simply must do so, the Australians are very rigid, this is not like USA. Anything undeclared is confiscated. Send me a copy of the letter, anyway.

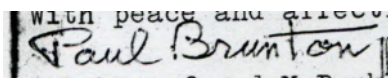
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(###) I did not get the chance to rest here as matters came up but now that I have returned and have major decisions to make you may continue writing to Cooks Perth until further instructions As for seaimail and the rest of the Xmas cards, I'll take a chance and you may send them here too. My immediate future is most uncertain but Cooks here are more reliable than at Sydney and they will forward material efficiently. (##) I still have to send you my impressions of this country & NZ but it can wait a little

(###) Please write Bill Lohr. 654 S. Cloverdale Ave. Los Angeles 36 [CALIF.] to get and mail you State of California Income Tax Blanks for 59 Then hold them until I learn what to do with them. Tell him I'm travelling abroad and send him warm greetings

With peace and affection

<sup>103</sup> This letter contains small tears. Words are incomplete and may be missing. We've made judgements where possible based on visible letters and context and are noted with curly brackets.

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<sup>105</sup> PB inserted Actual size & shape, Hollow" by hand.

<sup>106</sup> PB wrote " Key has Round Barrel, not flat" in the left margin.

this is a specimen of my signature given Bank for endorsements  
PS I have found M Burkley's letter dated Nov 1st It does not mention a check and certainly contained none. It is not a Card but a letter so see if there is a card from her among the others.

## L41.173

173 - 176

Incomplete letter to Kenneth  
Box K-819, G.P.O. Perth, West Australia  
26 April 60

This acknowledges your letter of April 2, dear Kenneth...

(1) From your copy of the January 24th letter I am certain it was not received by me, so the key is lost with it. Furthermore I am having much trouble now over very important missing letters sent direct from Europe. To better safeguard communications, and also in view of decisions reached and<sup>107</sup> mentioned below, I have taken a private box at the post office here. So the above is my new address and Cooks are dropped. If you have found the other key which works the same padlock get a copy made for yourself, if you need it, and send the original to me BY AIRMAIL REGISTERED. There is a lesson here that anything really<sup>108</sup> important, such as keys and cheques, should be Registered. Beau sent me a key to the other little trunk containing the statue and it arrived safely because it was registered. If you can't find the key then please inform me.

(2) The seamail was received. As regards the Burkley check I doubt it was for \$40 Her Xmas gifts have not exceeded \$20. It is of no use writing her now to stop the check at this late date; better drop the matter, I shall write and thank her just the same, later. (3) Siegmeister. It is mere repetition of old experience to deal with him; he is really unbalanced; don't take him seriously unless you or someone else wants to make use of his land and go there. (4) I am writing direct to Art Gerhart (5) Reprint of "Indian Philosophy and Modern Culture": I have not the time to bulk it. Since the British edition is still in print and Weiser imports it, and the advance in physics has been so great since the book was written, do nothing but just let me know Ceppo's recommendations (6) I have nothing to say against your going to Europe this September. While there you may renew your efforts to get Mother to come to Australia, since Old Age Pension Schemes, Govt Insurance, etc are interchangeable with England so nothing would be lost as regards that. But as regard business there is very little interest in anything other than Hatha Yoga physical exercises so Len would have to deal in general books. You may tell her I am here. There is more interest in New Zealand in mystical subjects but the population is much smaller. My main reason for suggesting the move to Australia is the sunniness of the climate, which would benefit Mother's chest condition. This is important. It would be useless to bring in war fear<sup>109</sup> argument to her. (7) Re company profitsharing it is impossible to say what 61 will bring but toward the

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<sup>107</sup> "and" inserted by the original.

<sup>108</sup> "really" inserted by the original editor.

<sup>109</sup> "warfear" in the original.



year's end visibility should be clearer. So meanwhile you may go along with it since it means 2000. Political experts believe the Summit will drag on thru the year in more than one meeting. I know the leaders will try to avoid war with all their might, but publicly they have to blast each other for party or nationalistic purposes (8) Congratulations on Giniger's faith in your capacities! It is good experience. But necessarily it brings new problems which test you, spiritually as well as practically. (9) Let me know the report of your meeting with Mrs Kaehle or your communication from her. Did her 2 books arrive from Frances Stacey? Where are they? If not in trunk, seamail them (10) Since I will have to sign the California State Tax Returns, please mail them here by air if Bill Lohr has sent them.

Farmland<sup>110</sup> is available here but hard to get in New Zealand; in both country prices are very high. I have been surprised at the high costs; both land and houses cost as much or often more than in the States. However there is something of a boom in the Eastern States and jobs are easy to get, although there is not much left to save up after paying expenses. The people here are materialistic and irreverent and extroverted an unintellectual and conventional; the New Zealanders have better character, more spiritual possibilities and are modest. The summer climate here is so hot it approaches India's whereas NZ's is milder. I do not have any experience of the winter but hear it gets very cold in NZ and quite so here; the lack of central heating must make it uncomfortable. However both countries enjoy the sunshine, but neither has a climate as good as California's. The fundamental British stock is here but it is stock which is very working-class in ancestry and outlook, satisfied with pulp literature and beer drinking for diversion. The fundamental British virtues are also here--love of justice and fairplay especially. As regards the future they are developing economically at a faster rate than hitherto, due to the influx of capital from England and USA the last few years. But at the same time I ought to quote from this morning's local paper: "Some Asian nations led by China will demand living toom in Australia in the near future. As West Aust. is nearest, and practically undefended and largely unpopulated, this is the State where Asians will decide to settle. "Most capital goes to the East states.

Only after leaving the States will would-be emigrants realise how good they had it there; so much that is taken for granted there is absent here-- comforts, civilized living, the arts, intellectual interests and spiritual concerns. They may criticize America but it has much that is praiseworthy in compensation. To leave all that, and fall into undesired conditions, should not be done without repeated realisation of the nature of the step being taken. A microscopic minority is trying to bring these good things into being here but progress is slow and response poor.

As against SA, where jobs would be hard to get, they would be obtainable here, so buying a farm is not a forced necessity. Here the opportunities are more limited in job range, so the kind of work done might have to be changed. Out of fear of the Asiatic menace the Govt is stepping up emigrating schemes and poor Europeans are brought in at a cost to themselves of only £10 each. But NZ has much less opening for new workers so does not encourage immigration.

PERSONAL: Mercedes de Acosta is well known to Hesper. They worked together in her journalistic days and met occasionally since then. Hesper distrusts and dislikes her, believes she is a reincarnated witch! I share Hesper's caution and

can see no good coming out of knowing her. All this admiration for Maharshi is on the surface; do not get taken in by appearances. Yes, thanks, I'd like to read her book; please send it here by seamail as soon as you have finished it {illegible}<sup>111</sup> which I want to avoid (3) Do not mourn the past supposed errors; practise short path and forget them; to continue this kind of remorse is simply to strengthen the ego ...<sup>112</sup>

## L41.177

177-182

Incomplete letter from PB  
Undated

...<sup>113</sup> to date may be sent here now by seamail. I forgot to {illegible} Goldsmiths' Monthly Lithographed Journal should be included In fact destroy none before asking me first. "The Catholic Worker" may be looked thru and anything you deem good {illegible} or literature may be clipped and added to the next magazine batch, but its pacifist and {illegible} material should be destroyed. sub ends about July-August cancel it Australia has a censorship of printed matter and is {illegible} the States against subversive and even ordinary {illegible}. That is why J B Priestley left here a few months ago in disgust, at their narrowness (12) Please send a paragraph to Mr and Mrs Francois Farkas, 325 East 53rd St NYC to explain that I have been abroad since October end hence they have not heard from me and give them my cordial greeting (They are Subud followers but also great admirers of Maharshee) (13) Have you sent the Monthly Bank Statement of Balance along with the seamail? If not, please airmail those you have as I must make up 59 Tax Return...I trust you will keep the Financial Records package I handed you in good care, and if you should emigrate this year consult me about handing them over to someone else so they are kept in USA (14) Although sub to "Intelligence Digest" is not to be renewed, any copies on hand should be included with parcel sent here; include also King Hall Newsletters. (15) Tomorrow I shall send you a few letters for remailing from New York, as it is not advisable just now for the recipients to be informed about my movements. The letters should be put into envelopes on which you should type their addresses, which I shall include in my reply, but no enclosure should be made other than my letter. My stepmother will be among this list. Ordinarily I would not mind at all for you to send her a note but just at the present period it would be better not to. Wait till you have returned from Europe at least. Her brother visits New York occasionally It is not the note you may send but the later developments, the questions that may be asked, which I cannot afford at the moment. Also, if Erna asks you for my present location on no account give it. The same applies to Dan. (16) Your statement that Jacques has had enough of it in SA does not agree with what he himself states in his letter. He does not mention the reasons for his return other than (1) Jeff needs a better education than can be had

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<sup>111</sup> A few lines of text have been whited out. Only "not use it again on... would..." is visible in the original.

<sup>112</sup> Subsequent pages may be missing.

<sup>113</sup> This letter contains multiple instances of one or more words being whited out; we've noted these here as illegible.

there (2) The problem has no certain answer (3) the problem is too big to solve (4) They are willing to suffer the consequences of return He nowhere says he dislikes SA. His reference to Fred Waegner (to whom I shall send a reply in the mailing tomorrow to you) is an implied criticism of PB, because of whom Fred got the idea of going to SA. I suggest that you realise that Jacques and family have become Vedantins and their outlook now is somewhat like Gayatri Devi's concerning the war, yoga, etc. You should be very careful if you write or see him not to overlook this fact that he may be somewhat critical of PB's ideas but does not like to say so openly. You would be wiser to accept his stand and let it go at that. This SA venture has cost him a lot of money and he may be feeling the loss, quite naturally. Anyway his return to USA should be a warning to the few who still consider emigration to reconsider the situation and not get into an awkward position by hasty action.

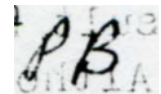
that<sup>114</sup> to go out and expose oneself to the unfamiliar and unknown ones? I would suggest that you ask those who still think of going to be warned by these two examples and not to put themselves into a situation which they will afterwards regret. I shall do nothing in future to encourage emigration but on the contrary will dissuade others from it.

Having said all this, may I point out one item: that Jacques has more belief in Vedantic exhilaration and the {illegible} uncertainties than in my psychic vision. I have said from the very beginning that the Western hemisphere would be the scene of the {illegible} not till several {illegible} that I learnt the {illegible} Consequently {illegible} what would happen in

I<sup>115</sup> am sorry but he is largely right as regards {illegible} we had were based on Tests whereas a gigantic {illegible} would be very different and could flood the entire {illegible} atmosphere. And then there is contradiction among the {illegible} about the southern hemisphere and the {illegible} man I saw rejects the notion that there is any advantage there. Jacques is very shrewd and if he has abandoned the {illegible} idea he has good rational ground for it, as regards {illegible} well the Vedantic faith comes in there. This change of attitude took place since John Levy visited SA and became their guru. He is a leading disciple of Krishna Menon He lives in London and no doubt that is where they will eventually go.

As for my own decisions, which I have to tell you, I shall write about that in a completion of this letter in tomorrow's mailing. I want this to catch the post.

With peace and affection



**L41.183**

183 - 184

Incomplete letter<sup>116</sup>

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<sup>114</sup> Page 179

<sup>115</sup> Page 181

<sup>116</sup> This is a duplicate of one of the pages of item id: L41.203.

...<sup>117</sup> although he certainly wants to. Everything now depends on the outcome of his efforts to sway the internal Russian situation completely over to his view--in which he is opposed by Khrushchev.<sup>118</sup> When this is decided one way or another, we may see more clearly what to expect. Although I am ultimately pessimistic (because of Mao's war mindedness) if it can be kept off for a few years and the Russians allied against him, we have a breathing spell. If not, then I do not know what or when something will happen, for although outer plane efforts for peace has ceased, inner plane efforts are being made to mitigate the effects of aggression or to postpone them awhile. As regards Amy Claessen's astrological prediction don't take her date too seriously. there were 5 planets in conjunction earlier this year and the usual crisis was all that happened. I have learned in the last year that rigidity of prediction ignores the X-factors so I would not venture now to adhere to it. We cannot even take the nuclear test

statistics of distribution of fallout because the situation would be so different after a war--warn Tony about that.

(6) I was uneasy when I heard Jin was emigrating but would not interfere because he was offered a job and previously had none I believe. But I must still ask you to continue to warn those who think of emigrating that I would not recommend this to anyone who is not backed by ample financial resources; they simply ask for trouble since they are unsuited to emigrate inexperienced in such matters and will bemoan their lot when they see the vast difference from USA; but the basic point is that nobody knows when a war will come or if it will come. Nor is SA necessarily a safe haven; so the real danger is being in a large city without some country retreat to go to, in the event of necessity. I will write further on this point in some letters to Romaine and others which I will send you for forwarding within a few days and which you may read for this purpose. I shall also complete this present letter to you then.

## L41.185

185 - 188  
Letter to Kenneth  
Box K-819, Perth,  
West Australia.  
(Sixth) 6 May 60

This is the 'tomorrow's mailing' promised you, dear Kenneth...

it took some days to materialise! Please not how many days the transport took and let me know time taken.

Completing my letter of a few days' ago I return Jacques letter to you herewith. If you have not already written a reply to this, I suggest that you do so now, but not to argue with him; it should be to find out more fully his reasons for this change of plan. I have not heard from him since the Xmas card you forwarded but I got one letter from Jeff solely concerning his education in England, nothing else mentioned, but it was enough to show something afoot subsequent to John Levy's

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<sup>117</sup> "p (2)" typed at top of page; previous page appears to be missing.

<sup>118</sup> "Krushev" in the original.

visit. I have stated in my own letter to you what I believe or suspect are the chief reasons and it would be interesting to have confirmation or refutation; however Jacques would be cautious or reluctant to write fully or frankly to you. Anyway let's see what he does say.

I told you that he will incur heavy losses over this visit to SA so his reasons {r}<sup>119</sup> feelings must be quite strong. The move into Vedanta, and Short Path, generally often hits people this way. I hope you will do nothing to try to dissuade him from leaving SA for I am certain it would be a waste of time since you will not be informed of all his reasons. {illegible}<sup>120</sup> And from the spiritual angle I am very pleased he has gone over to the Short Path; he needed it. Unfortunately just as vices on the Long Path follow it in a somewhat unbalanced way, so do vices on the Short Path follow theirs. Of course Gayatri Devi is no novice and I respect her attitude, which is doubtless what Krishna Menon and Levy would adopt. There is a pity about Fred's situation but he had to make his own decisions. Years ago I forced him to go and have his sore diagnosed, when it was discovered to be skin cancer. He had neglected it for years. They (Seventh Day Adventist Vegetarian Hospital) offered to remove it by a simple minor operations but he refused. So it grew. He has a fanatical disbelief in the medical profession and won't see any good at all in it. I even got a surgeon friend of mine to visit him, one who has done hundreds of these simple operations, but by then it had grown so large that only a major operation could treat it. My friend told me that had Fred consented to the earlier cutting he would have been alright now. I disbelieve in operations for cancer when the latter is internal, as being a mere adding of useless pain. But a skin cancer is a different matter and my friend may or may not have been right. I sent Fred to Ted Spicer at an early stage and he too recommended the cutting, saying that 80percent of such operations had no relapses. Fred has tried all the other treatments, nature cure and quack alike. I don't know what else he can try in the States but of course there he would be among friends who speak the same language. He might be happier if he returned there. So please don't dissuade him either.

Anyway it is becoming clear that actual emigration has to be reconsidered. It lets in new evils. Is it not more prudent to put up with the familiar one that is known {than}<sup>121122</sup> to go out and expose oneself to the unfamiliar and unknown ones? I would suggest that you ask those who still think of going to be warned by these two examples and not to put themselves into a situation which they will afterwards regret. I shall do nothing in future to encourage emigration but on the contrary will dissuade others from it.

Having said all this, may I point out one item: That Jacques has more belief in Vedantic exhilaration and the uncertainties than in my psychic vision. I have said from the very beginning the {the Northern}<sup>123</sup> hemisphere would {illegible} not till several {illegible} that I learnt the {illegible} Consequently {illegible} what would happen in

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<sup>119</sup> This word may have been partially cut off by the left margin. Only "r" is visible in the original.

<sup>120</sup> A few lines of text have been whited out.

<sup>121</sup> "that" in the original.

<sup>122</sup> Page 187

<sup>123</sup> Much of the rest of this letter is whited out.

Letter from PB to Kenneth  
Box K-819, G.P.O. Perth,  
Western Australia  
22 Aug 60

This acknowledges receipt of your letters as follows, dear Kenneth...

AIR: May 7.17.25, June 1, 17, July 2, Aug 4 & 8.<sup>124</sup>

SEA: April 18 & May 2 (both arrived same day, about 7 weeks is average for sea. One later seamail also came in last week. Key safely received, also the Kaehele books and Mercedes d'Acosta book. You never said whether you met the last-named. Did you? What I never received was the package containing magazines received since despatch of trunk and mentioned in yours of May [7th].<sup>125</sup> I have never received a single copy of the "Voice" newspaper since I left USA for instance. All the magazines to which I subscribe should be sent on; the ban on printed material merely referred to advertising stuff. However I am only concerned with the loss of the Indian journals "Vision" and "Call Divine", but most particularly the last named, and especially the January extra large number. Let me know by return whether you have them or mailed them recently.

(1) If you met Allen Cox, it was OK. Farkas is follower of Subud but manages to mix it with Maharshee, whom they never met. You can meet them or not as you wish, but I see no particular use. They do not need help, being officers in Subud.

(2) Regarding clearance of Box 339 during your absence, the letters are not to be opened but to accumulate against your return while being kept in a secure locked<sup>126</sup> place. For this purpose perhaps your secretary would be the most reliable agent, if that can be managed easily. If not, then I suppose you will have to ask Noel.

(3) Your belief that you could "easily" earn a living in NZ is not quite correct. You could earn a living but job chances there are very limited in the book business. The published statement that the NZ people are great readers applies only to the pulp literature, Titbits periodicals and so on. I have also found that here in Australia (I don't know whether it applies to NZ) also, immigrants often have to work at some other than their usual line for the first few years, since the native product, however inferior, gets first choice in jobs, and often have to take much lower positions {than} they had in their own country during that time. However there are no {illegible}<sup>127</sup>

(4)<sup>128</sup> You may destroy the Los Angeles bank cheques since I closed {illegible}.<sup>129</sup>

(5) The return of Jim points up the unhappiness of those who went to SA I

<sup>124</sup> A check mark is handwritten at the end of this sentence.

<sup>125</sup> The original editor changed "2nd" to "7th" by hand.

<sup>126</sup> The original editor inserted "locked" by hand.

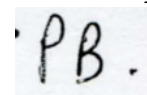
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<sup>129</sup> One or more words is whited out.

would now neither encourage nor discourage anyone to emigrate; it is entirely their business, as is the place they choose. I want nothing to do with it since I can offer no precise advice that would be quite satisfactory. You were right to warn Tony. Jacques is returning soon to USA I hear indirectly.

[I shall continue this letter tomorrow but I {wanted}<sup>130</sup> to get some word from me]



## L41.191

191 - 192

Letter from PB to Kenneth

Perth

23 Aug 1960

I am sorry, dear Kenneth....

that the promised continuation of my yesterday's letter to you could not be materialised today. There will be no further connection with the plane to Sydney for the American mail plane there during the next 2 days.

So I don't know whether I could get the continuation into your hands before you leave NYC; it's too doubtful and I can't take the risk.

If there is any mail address that will reach you safely during your time abroad, let me know it; otherwise you will have to wait for it upon your return to USA

Today the package of magazines — mainly Indian — posted by you in July was delivered.

I have nothing to say about Nancy other than it was prudent and wise to have kept away from her during her husband's absence at this early stage of her marriage.

It may be different later.

With peace and affection  
and good thoughts for your trip



## L41.193

193 - 194

Incomplete letter from PB

Undated

...<sup>131</sup> (2) I believe I told you to ignore the death prediction vision of the fellow in Surrey. It is not to be taken seriously. I have had this happen before, again from this type of higher psychical source, unreliable unless philosophically trained. (3) I

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<sup>130</sup> This word runs off the page.

<sup>131</sup> The original editor inserted "p. 4" at top of page. Previous are missing.

presume you will take care not to send a second mimeo'd acknowledgement to personal friends to whom you sent one in response to a previous letter, should they write again. They will not like knowing that their letters are still being opened. A single acknowledgment is enough.

NEEDED ADDRESSES: IRIS GABRIEL, 2120 Sixteenth Street N.W., Washington DC. She may have moved so be sure to put return address.

Mrs L. HURST Jewish Home of Rest, Birchlands Avenue, Wandsworth Common, London SW 12

C. FRED WAEGNER Apartado de Correos, 1232. Quito<sup>132</sup> Ecuador SA

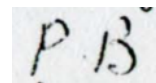
[(Other letters she forwarded are being prepared & will be mailed you soon)]

For the return address on the forwarding mail use Bx 339 but<sup>133</sup> enclose no<sup>134</sup> senders name no covering note. Read Fred's reply and if you can help him and Kaehle get contact he has nothing to lose and may gain. Tell Noel she will hear belatedly from me very soon.

The study and practice of discretion will be to your benefit.

Give my kindest greetings to Tony and Ellamay

With peace and affection



P.S. (1) With regard to the letter to "Auntie" you ought to know she is in no financial need, whatever she may say. My father left her ownership of the house, from which she probably now draws rent, and split his estate of several thousand pounds into half for her and half for me. She was dissatisfied so I turned over my entire share to her. She had it all in Govt Bonds and draws dividends.

## L41.195

195 - 196

Letter to Kenneth

16 Sept

Your letter of Sept 1st, dear Kenneth...

After your return to New York just send me a postcard by air announcing safe arrival. Do not forward the accumulated mail but await my reply. I shall then send you a new procedure for handling mail to reduce loss in transit. However all those listed in your para #1 are not missing some were received, and I shall give the dates in my next

You may pay the \$10 money order into my bank on return

I write now to ask you to do a little job in Frankfurt provided this letter comes in sufficient time to allow it. When I visited Germany I bought a 2-color ballpen 4 years ago. If you can get a supply of refill ink tubes for it I could continue to use it. The pen is called USUS-DUO, model #55-N78:1545b. I also bought a second pen which is exactly similar but a cheaper finish called the KULI. I know that the Usus-

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<sup>132</sup> "Quite" in the original.

<sup>133</sup> The original editor inserted "but."

<sup>134</sup> The original editor inserted "no senders name."



Duo is made by SCHNEIDER MINE – a large firm. The refills are interchangeable for both pens. In addition I found that the following refills also fitted both pens: maker L & C HARDTMUTH. #56-G. For further identification I add that the tubes are 6.7 centimeters long, and very thin; so much smaller than the American ones. The colors and quantities required are:

6 tubes Red ink

3 tubes GREEN ink

5 tubes BLACK ink.

It is useless to buy more as I find the ink fades after awhile but you may obtain a reliable address from which I may order by mail, when needed

The second job is to get a book, a cheap paperbound one, it is in the well known ULLSTEIN BUCHER series. Title EINE STUNDE MIT – Vol One only needed. Author, Dr G. GERSTER. It is #73 in the series. I want it only because it includes a chapter on von Durckheim. Price 1m.90 (4 years ago) and published in Frankfort

Thank you for these services; if you have enough time left; if not you may be able to arrange to have it done for you by someone there by mail. The pens are to be sent direct to me at Perth. There is a temporary lifting of import license restrictions here, but I will still have to pay Customs duty, so don't overvalue them!

Yes, it's a good idea to have Arthur talk to the young man ALFRED RAS, Mient 190, Den HAAG. Also to the other reader I. Kotterman van de Vosse, Claes de Vrieselaan 148b, Rotterdam. Give Arthur my warm greetings

**L41.197**

197 - 198

Letter from Kenny to Mor and Dad  
Monday, October 10, 1960

Dear Mor and Dad,

Your lovely letter of September 29 was awaiting my return. I am now completely caught up on everything, both at the office and at home – and it is a good feeling to be on top of things again.

Yes, I got everything safely back home -- except a banana which a friend gave me in Holland. The U.S. Customs confiscated it, wouldn't even let me eat it on the spot!

Thank you very much for your presents – the two ties which I've been wearing, the key chain which I use daily, the ashtray which looks very good in my apartment, and the two linen cloths. I've hung up the one of London and it is quite eye-catching.

Mother dear, I wanted to get you another present before I left, but we never got around to it. So enclosed is a cheque for you and I hope you will use it to get whatever things you would like – with my love. I also enclose a check to repay Dad's loan of the 10 pounds – with many thanks.

My landlady is very excited about the coffee set we got at Lawleys, and is looking forward to its arrival.

Thank you for the snaps. They did come out well, and will always remind me of happy memories of that pleasant afternoon at Westcliff and our trip to "The

Gardner and the Dog" the next day.

And I shall remember with pleasure our visit to see "Around the World in 80 days," our day uptown with Aunt Helga and that lovely afternoon you and I spent in Hyde Park. These vignettes engrave themselves on one's memory and remain with one.

Yes, I've missed you both, and Chang, too. I do want you to know that I love you both very much. Children have a way of growing up all too fast, and they have to leave the nest and make their own lives. But I often think of all sacrifices you have made for me, and you know, I hope, that I am grateful. It was wonderful to see you again.

The flight back was smooth and pleasant as that going over; they fed us all and gave us plenty of champagne. Since my return the weather has been mild and sunny and dry.

While<sup>135</sup> I was away they got me a new typewriter at the office, a Smith-Corona machine, and I like it very much.

I saw my friends in Paris and had a pleasant dinner with them. I revisited some of my favorite places: the Napoleon museum and tomb, the gardens of the Palais Royale and the Tuileries, etc.

Frankfurt is a modern city, being mostly rebuilt after the war. I enclose copies of part of my notes to give you an idea of the Fair itself. I feel my business there was quite successful. However, I did not care for the city nearly as much as Paris, which remains my favorite city. Frankfurt seems quite materialistic, and so do its inhabitants. It's a difficult place for a vegetarian, too! The Germans are big meat eaters. I didn't get to do any sightseeing, I'm afraid, but we had some jolly evenings out as a group at restaurants.

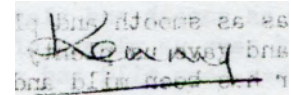
The trip up the Rhine went smoothly. The boat stopped often at small towns as apparently many locals use it as transportation. I saw the famous Lorelei rocks where sirens are reputed to have drawn mariners in the old days! The food aboard was good; quite like the Danish boat from Malmo. I think you would both have enjoyed it.

My time at Cologne was short, but I did tour the cathedral. Actually the exterior is much more impressive than inside; it looms up so high dominating the city. Much of the area nearby has been built since the war, although I don't think the Dom itself was hit. Cologne caters quite a bit to tourists and their prices were higher than Frankfurt.

I enjoyed the train ride to Rotterdam, and watching the changing scenery of the countryside. Rotterdam, too, has been rebuilt since the war and they have done a very artistic job. It is quite attractive. I spent a day at The Hague touring our binder's plant there. But Amsterdam remains my favorite city in Holland because of its picturesqueness; the old buildings and canals are charming. I hope you received the card I sent from there? I also sent one - in Dutch - to the young lady at the Guivers.

And, so, I'm back - once again. And I send you all my love and good wishes. I can just imagine you in the living room watching TV and having coffee!

[Lots of love,



Thank you also for your sweet card on my departure – I was very touched.]

## L41.199

199 - 202

Handwritten letter from Dad Mor & {Chang} to Kenny  
15 Summerhill Grove,  
Enfield Middx  
17th Oct 1960. Monday. 9.30 a.m.

good. morning dear Kenny.

its foggy here this morning, will clear later and the painters came last Monday. it was raining slightly, got on with the front door & under porch, since then we have had nice Sunshine, but chilly. but at least they were able to get on & the front is done except for the top coat of the front door. now its foggy they are {illegible} off old paint on your windows & the back, so I had better write you a little letter. sorry to be a bit late, it's not very easy to do anything much. but at least it looks nicer, cream black pipes and a yellow front door, very nice. but what a time of the year to come. I had a touch of Bronchial trouble last week, but it's a bit better now and hope to do so. Another card came from Frankfurt posted 5-10-60, after you had got back to N.Y. some-one must have posted it for you, and one posted 4<sup>th</sup> saying you had got back safely. glad you had a nice trip dear. thought of you. Then your letter of the 10th came Thursday 13th, was grand to really hear you were back and all was O.K. I hoped the letter would be there to greet you.

You should have known about them not letting you take in fruit, so glad you are pleased with your things. I can see the cloth of the London Bus & Piccadilly on the wall, fun eh! Hope the coffee set soon arrives and she will like it. Also that you like the snaps, yes, you all look nice having a nap on the lawn at Westcliff. 3 weary willies {eh}?

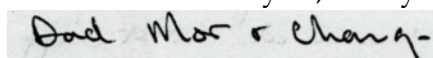
Kenny<sup>136</sup> dear, I knew you were sending Dad a cheque for the coffee set, but did not expect one too, it's very sweet of you after all you gave me and I will get something nice with it so thank you dear very much. I don't know yet what to get. yes dear we did have a nice little time in Hyde Park, looking at the Serpentine, last time I took his there, we thought of you yesterday, a friend of ours is in Middlesex Hospital and we went to see him yesterday, its near Charlotte St. then we took his wife home to Sloane Sq. (just behind it) & we {illegible} down Piccadilly down past K.L.M. in Sloane St. this time you were not with us, just in our thoughts. Thank you dear, we too, love you and you are all we have, bless you, we both love and are proud of you, you know that.

We saw a bit of Paris Sat night, thought of you being there glad you enjoyed it all, the Steamers sounds fun, just my cup of tea. Dad says he thinks you really enjoyed being Home in the evening & seeing our T.V. now you know how we spend

our evenings, though we do not watch it all, like to have a read. Have another Argosy for you and will send it to-morrow, with a piece of Heather for Luck. had it sent me from the New Forest. we saw {illegible} at Park Ave showing off, very childish on T.B. it's very good for news.

Well dear, thank you again for my cheque, will tell you what I get, also the lovely Brooch. will write again later in the week-

All our Love to you, always.



(notes to {illegible} very interesting.)

I hope you come again

## L41.203

203 - 206

Letter from PB to Kenneth

Box K-819, GPO, Perth, Western Australia

1 Nov 60

This is my first letter to you since that of Sept 16, dear Kenneth...

If you have been waiting to receive the new mailing procedure, I am sorry. A packet of magazines posted August 30 has come in, also seaborne mail whose postmark date is not legible but contains your reply to Mrs Syfert (which is OK for sending) If I have not previously done so, there was rec'd some months ago Mrs Kaehele's "Sealed Orders" & 1 "Story" Magazine. But the January and May double issue of "C-all Divine" never arrived, so the other material included with them must be considered lost. The refills for the ballpen arrived safely. Deduct the cost from the postage money I gave last year. I think a new instalment of this money is now due. Have you kept the receipts for Box 339 rent? If so, include them with the next batch of mail, as they are deductible tax expenses. I enclose a check for {\$30}.

(2) Under the new procedure the only safeguard open to us is Registration. This applies to Printed Matter as well as Letters. But most of the mail has no urgency—from my point of view—it may accumulate and be sent once a month for Seaborne Letters and Printed Matter (magazines), while airmail can be sent twice a month. The only exception to the last named is if a particular letter really is important and urgent, then whatever is on hand may be included with it. But remember that people write me, demand urgency treatment under their misconceptions which I do not give.

(3) Has the EP Dutton Royalty check (around \$800) for the year come in? I need to know if it has been paid to the bank as I want to draw against it at once. Mention the amount also. If for any reason it hasn't arrived, you might phone the Treasurer to remind him. It is due first week October.

(4) Your postcards from Holland Frankfurt and London came in, and your letter of October 8. Thank you for the Frankfort<sup>137</sup> business and the good news from the Dutch publisher I am glad you found the meetings in Holland so interesting.

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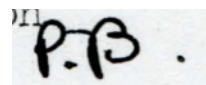
<sup>137</sup> "Frankfort" and "Frankfurt" are being used interchangeably in this letter.

But the meeting with the French vegetarian lady seems the most interesting of all. She would certainly help you to forget Nancy, and would suit you far better, from the marriage angle. I do not see that the distance obstacle is insuperable—not in these days. It depends on the strength of the attraction between both whether it is worth trying to overcome it. As you know merely being a vegetarian and a quester is not enough, since there are crazy unbalanced people who are both. You need a spicing of brains, if possible, and certainly some stability after the neurotic changeability of Nancy. The chances of finding a suitable mate in New Zealand (and perhaps Australia too) would probably be very thin, and, according to young Adrian Thomas who sent me a postcard from London recently after returning from 7 years in NZ, hopeless. The American girl seems from a superior race, as does the European, by contrast with the Austral-asian-NZ type. With a suitable girl, marriage should benefit you, also Arthur although<sup>138</sup> he certainly wants to. Everything now depends on the outcome of his efforts to sway the internal Russian situation completely over to his view—in which he is opposed by Khrushchev.<sup>139</sup> When this is decided one way or another, we may see more clearly what to expect. Although I am ultimately pessimistic (because of Mao's war mindedness) if it can be kept off for a few years and the Russians allied against him, we have a breathing spell. If not, then I do not know what or when something will happen, for although outer plane efforts for peace has ceased, inner peace efforts are being made to mitigate the effects of aggression or to postpone them a while. As regards Amy Claessens's astrological prediction don't take her date too seriously. There were 5 planets in conjunction earlier this year and the usual crisis was all that happened. I have learned in the last year that rigidity of prediction ignores the X-factors so I would not venture now to adhere to it. We cannot even take the nuclear test statistics of distribution of fallout because the situation would be so different after a war—warn Tony about that.

(6) I was uneasy when I heard Jin was emigrating but would not interfere because he was offered a job and previously had none I believe. But I must still ask you to continue to warn those who think of emigrating that I would not recommend this to anyone who is not backed by ample financial resources; they simply ask for trouble since they are unsuited to emigrate inexperienced in such matters and will bemoan their lot when they see the vast difference from USA; but the basic point is that nobody knows when a war will come or if it will come. Nor is SA necessarily a safe haven; so the real danger is being in a large city without some country retreat to go to, in the event of necessity. I will write further on this point in some letters to Romaine and others which I will send you for forwarding within a few days and which you may read for this purpose. I shall also complete this present letter to you then.

Incidentally I reread Walter Weir in the "Printers Ink" debate and must repeat my admiration for his outstanding mentality. Also am glad you met Gordon Powell, he is doing fine work

With peace and affection



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<sup>138</sup> Page 205

<sup>139</sup> "Kruschev" in the original.

Letter from PB to Ken  
Box K-819, G.P.O., Perth,  
Western Australia  
Dec 8 60

This acknowledges receipt of your letters: Oct 10, 29: Nov 15,<sup>140</sup> Dec 2., dear Ken with the returned cheque , and belatedly acknowledges the de Acosta book and the "New Yorker" clips. Material sent on the other 5 dates mentioned in your Nov 15 letter must now be written off as stolen. The registration procedure should protect against theft in future.

2. Operation Burma opens a new cycle for you. The Oriental atmosphere is a worthwhile completion of the Occidental one and should bring you much that is interesting. Burma is still Buddhist, despite modern inroads and despite political activity and mentality of many monks and despite the meat-eating which Buddha discouraged. The Burmese are a cheerful race despite their pessimistic religion--so different from the Indians, who are melancholy. The women are very capable, and often good business traders--again so different from the passive neglected Indian women--and probably pretty enough to suit your wife-hunting urge. But your desire to go in a search of holy men will probably prove frustrating while the Buddhist doctrine taught is incomplete and narrow. Rangoon is noisy.

You may be interested in visiting the monastery at Rangoon where Rear Admiral Shattock spent 3 weeks, while en route home to England on retirement from Singapore. He described his experience in a book EXPERIMENT IN MINDFULNESS published I think by Riders a couple of years ago. The Satipanni system of meditation taught there is a good one, although not the highest one. You could probably see the book in London at one of the several Buddhist societies there. I have no names of holy men in Burma nowadays, but possibly Christmas Humphries in London is in touch with some. No doubt Len can tell you where to find all these British Buddhist addresses.

3. You may visit me here, in March as you propose, if I am still in the country. Hotel reservations need a month's advance booking here and I shall make them for you when you are ready to confirm plans in February. If the \$2000 bonus were not due in July, it would certainly be interesting to stay longer in Burma, but such a large sum should not be thrown away, except for equal or better benefit, which could not be decided at this stage.

4. Cosmo will be acceptable to me as mail agent, and he should follow the same procedures and cautions that you have followed, and also maintain silence to others concerning my specific whereabouts. However as regards the two packets of Tax papers, I doubt whether his rooms are safe enough against burglary or fire to store them as Louis Agostini's would be. In any case place them in a further wrapping, which should be sealed with wax before handing over. So try LA and if he fails, Cosmo can have them.

5. I don't know what you are going to investigate in Christchurch; it's a small

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<sup>140</sup> Three checks have been handwritten above "10", "29" and "Nov" respectively.

town and the job opportunities don't compare with Auckland or Wellington. I have been there. It is also colder than the other places. The economic boom in Australia has busted now, so money and jobs will be tighter next year. New Zealand did not expand so much, being less industrialised, so the recession is milder there but it is still a recession.

6. I advise you not to try to arrange to meet Erna in India at this early date. You should wait and let your Burmese experience advance further before entering into any half promises like that. Besides, she may again (as twice before) postpone or cancel going there.

7)<sup>141</sup> Did Jacques Masson ever return to NYC and meet you, as he promised a few months ago? I presume he went to Europe.

8) Art Gerhart wants to shift some of his \$capital in case restriction later; to transfer one-half to the sterling area, or else to Switzerland as many are doing, is very easy to do, but of course it has meaning only for intending emigrants as a necessary prudence. I request you do not repeat this para to anyone without exception. (9) It is also prudent to do as you have done and have all your things packed ready to send, in case of need. I hope you have, {illegible}<sup>142</sup> of them, containing refs to the rice business he {engaged} in during the past couple of years. (4a) Warn Cosmo to use typewriting in addressing envelopes, or if using pen, to use plain block letters, to reduce risk of going astray (10) You will have a chance to do something outstanding in your career, but at present I do not know what it will be. {Anyway} as said earlier, this is a new and, in worldly sense, more favorable {phase} of your life (11) I shall have to send Cosmo the circular letter {of} Romain, Ella and others, concerning their questions about the {illegible} to sum up, {illegible} news seems {illegible} so-called {illegible} (12) If this reaches you in time, and you read it before leaving USA, accept my good wishes for this journey and congratulations on this new and interesting and flattering promotion-recognition.

I cabled you today.

Present news, received today, also confirms my inability to budge from here during the next couple of months at least, so we may probably meet here. (13) You will of course leave with Cosmo some cash to cover postage expenses

[With peace and affection]



**L41.211**

211 - 216

Poem for Karen

Feb. 17th-61

To my dear Karen on her 61st birthday.

As<sup>143</sup> from one birthday to another.

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<sup>141</sup> Page 209

<sup>142</sup> Words have been whited out in this letter; we have noted them as "{illegible}."

<sup>143</sup> Page 213

Since Karen dear, my rhyme you like,  
Again I will this one insight.<sup>144</sup>  
Now that a year has passed away,  
Here's something else, I would say,  
No need to say I love you still,  
You know this well, without my skill.  
But this I hope, and hope it well,  
The years ahead for us will tell,  
Of happiness and health, and Love,  
And all those things that from above,  
They say do come;  
And now I've done.

Happy<sup>145</sup> Birthday.

May you and I, still go far;  
A football win, another car.  
But most of all, we keep our health.  
This truly is, the best of wealth.  
And Chang, we hope to keep still longer,  
And all the while, we all grow fonder.

This little gift, is for your birthday,  
For Christmas too, if I may say.  
I know you think this silly rhyme,  
And so it is, it's only mine.

**L41.217**

217 - 218  
Letter from PB to Kenneth  
26 Feb

Your letter Feb 10, dear Kenneth...

As the time has passed so swiftly, and you will be here so soon I leave all other topics until we meet, since they are very lengthy I know the flight on Qantas quite well, having had other visitors by it, so the best arrangement is as follows: Qantas provide free taxi service to their city terminal, as they have no coach here, so ask to continue from the terminal in the same taxi to my residence which is about half hour further on, in the opposite direction

The address is:

Seven (7) HYNES ROAD, DALKEITH

as it is a short street the driver may not know it, so explain that it is near the corner of Waratah Avenue and Victoria Avenue being actually the first turning off Leon Avenue which is just south of the corner.

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<sup>144</sup> "indight" in the original.

<sup>145</sup> Page 215



The telephone # is 86-4803.

I have just this week moved into this place, otherwise you would have had to stay at the hotel. Here I can put you up I could not write earlier as the deal was only just now confirmed

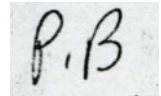
So I shall expect you on Monday March 13 around 9 a.m. at the house if the plane is on time, and I shall phone Quantas earlier to learn whether it is.

We have had tropical weather here for the past 2 months temperatures well over 100 so a break is expected soon, but be prepared; the climate fluctuates greatly.

Please purchase on my behalf the following, and bring here: 4 tablets Vegetable Oil SOAP: (unobtainable in this place) Medium Size is most useful. Bath Size is too big. 2 pkts Incense Sticks. Jasmine scent preferred. Thanks.

You will need the rest here, so you can get plenty of sleep whenever you want from the moment you arrive, and forget business at other times during the week. It is very quiet here, opposite of Rangoon.

With peace and affection



## L41.219

219 - 220

Blank Aerogramme from P, Brunton to Mr Kenneth T. Hurst  
7 Hynes Road, Dalkeith,  
Perth, Western Australia<sup>146</sup>  
MAR 6 - 1961<sup>147</sup>

Mr Kenneth T. Hurst  
C/O Cultural Affairs Officer  
American Embassy  
Rangoon,  
Burma

## L41.221

221 - 222

Handwritten postcard from Kenneth Hurst<sup>148</sup> to P. Brunton  
Japan<sup>149</sup>  
March 29 1961<sup>150</sup>

I<sup>151</sup> was wrong about HK being like NYC - Tokyo is just the same, big city, westernized. HK by comparison seems more like Washington, DC., Smaller,

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<sup>146</sup> Stamped "Embassy Of The United States Of America Rangoon, Burma."

<sup>147</sup> Postmarked date.

<sup>148</sup> Author was determined from handwriting.

<sup>149</sup> "from Japan" noted by PB himself at top of card.

<sup>150</sup> "for address or Travel lists" noted by PB at top of left of card.

<sup>151</sup> Page 222

friendlier and more pretty. {Vegrests}, very difficult here, only 1 Hindu rest. (Nair's). Tokyo Ginza very good hotel. (\$6 day). No success in {Zen}, found Jodo and Shin temple only, low grade, one feels a foreigner shut out here more than elsewhere.

*{The following are notes added by PB himself after receipt. Please review the scan of the original for placement details. Find this at the bottom of the postcard possibly referring to "Nairs" referred to by the author.}*

Tokyo

Hong Kong

"The Bombay"

good variety of veg dishes

five minutes' walk from Imperial hotel 32 NATHAN Road {illegible} too

KOWLOON

Tel 622{illegible}

cables {illegible}" by hand

*{Find the following at the top right of the card:}*

"Hong Kong recommended by K

Imperial is a new building Hotel Rate

HK 45 day excellent, says K" by hand

**L41.223**

223 - 224

Incomplete letter to P. Brunton

APR 9 1961<sup>152</sup>

P. Brunton

Box K-819

G.P.O.

Perth Western Australia

...<sup>153</sup> <sup>3</sup><sup>154</sup> Last night at a dinner party I met the secretary to the Dalai Lama who is here to present Tibet's case to the UN next week. (He wasn't too knowledgeable about Buddhism nor too spiritual!) He admitted that Tibet's isolationism was responsible for her present plight, and that they now regretted it. (Your warning in the HERMIT certainly came true!)[(April 61)]<sup>155</sup>

He also blamed India for granting China suzerainty over Tibet some years ago. The Tibetans are still actively fighting, he says, although the policy of genocide is beginning to exact its toll. Most of the lamas have been killed. There are now 3 Chinese for each Tibetan in the country. He poopooed the thought that some lamas might have escaped to the Andes.<sup>156</sup> The U.S. Government has set up a Tibetan

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<sup>152</sup> Postmarked date.

<sup>153</sup> Previous lines may be missing.

<sup>154</sup> "TIBET & So America" inserted by PB himself in the left margin.

<sup>155</sup> PB inserted "(APRIL 61)" by hand.

<sup>156</sup> PB underlined this sentence and marked either side with an "X" by hand.

center in Seattle, Washington, for the<sup>157</sup> preservation of their culture and arts. He does not feel China will invade India Militarily but will try to subvert it from within, particularly after Nehru's death. Thus, the airstrips are the building on the border are to facilitate transport ferrying at that time. [-Ken]<sup>158</sup>

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[Yuhu<sup>159</sup> plaster glue for gem in hole of Buddha heart]<sup>160</sup>

## L41.225

225 - 226

Letter from Kenneth to PB  
April 4, 1961

Dear PB

1. Enclosed are duplicate 1959 & 1960 federal income tax forms. Instructions for 1960 only are enclosed, as tax people tell me there has been no change nor increase in rate of computation over 1959. I also enclose tax guide for overseas citizens, which might be worth your study, particularly pp 14 & 15.

2. Meetings with Dan, Romaine & Ellma very successful. They all reacted positively to the message and apparently understand and accept situation, and are enthusiastic about the solution you propose. The girls will continue with Devi and I also persuaded Dan to deepen his relationship with her. As a result, he will try to take up residence in the ashrama and work with them. As usual, he was full of high-flown schemes, which I had to puncture somewhat to bring him down to earth and reality. One feels sorry for him; the poor fellow is down and out and takes refuge in dreams to avoid facing facts. I did what I could.

3. Have also given message to Cosmo. He reacted sluggishly so will have to repeat it to him. Have asked him to forward balance of seamount to you, and I take over postbox this week. Enclosed is airmail of possible interest. You were right, unfortunately, he is hopeless at business practical matters; he let me down on other things too. However, it's no use scolding him. Am taking back your tax records too.

4. American Tel & T. sent stockholders special offer which Cosmo held for my return. Basically, they offer you 33 rights which you could either cash in at \$1.50 each, or apply 20 plus \$86 to purchase one new share in new offering at \$116. April 14 is deadline; the "rights" are useless and valueless thereafter. I therefore took liberty of deciding on your behalf you would rather have the \$50 cash rather than in additional stock, and have returned the form accordingly for you, signing your

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<sup>157</sup> PB inserted "INDIA" by hand in left margin with bracket from here to the end of page.

<sup>158</sup> "-Ken" by hand possibly by PB himself.

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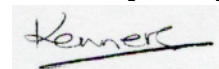
name. They will send a check which I will deposit in your bank account. This, of course, does not affect or diminish the stock which you already have.

5. Trust you have heard from HK & S bank.

6. Returned safely to NYC and am busily settling down and becoming reoriented. Confirmed this morning that July 1, I shall receive \$2089. in profit-sharing from Prentice-Hall.

I will write again soon. I miss you and think fondly of our week together.

[Love,]



**L41.227**

227 - 228

Incomplete letter to PB  
April 8, 1961 Saturday

Just a note, dear PB --

on developments of possible interest to you.

1. Last Tuesday,<sup>161</sup> April 4, I airtailed you the tax forms for 59 & 60. I also seamailed you sample stationery from various hotels in the East.

2. I have resumed the postbox duty and cleared it last night. Only a few letters which I will hold for seamailed. Ted Spicer acknowledged your letter and was extremely appreciative of it. Art Gerhart wrote me directly, acknowledging your letter, and I will see him here in a couple of weeks.

3. Last night at a dinner party I met the secretary to the Dalai Lama who is here to present Tibet's case to the UN next week. (He wasn't too knowledgeable about Buddhism nor too spiritual!) He admitted that Tibet's isolationism was responsible for her present plight, and that they now regretted it. (Your warning in the HERMIT certainly came true!) He also blamed India for granting China suzerainty over Tibet some years ago. The Tibetans are still actively fighting, he says, although the policy of genocide is beginning to exact its toll. Most of the lamas have been killed. There are now 3 Chinese for each Tibetan in the country. He poo-pooed the thought that some lamas might have escaped to the Andes. The U.S. Government has set up a Tibetan center in Seattle, Washington,<sup>162</sup> for the preservation of their culture and arts. He does not feel China will invade India militarily but will try to subvert it from within, particularly after Nehru's death. Thus, the airstrips they are building on the border are to facilitate transport ferrying at that time.

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<sup>161</sup> "Monday" changed to "Tuesday" by the original editor.

<sup>162</sup> Underlined by hand.

5. McGraw-Hill wasted no time in getting in touch with me about the SE Asia job. I met there yesterday with Gordon Graham and Harold McGraw. Instead of Hongkong they want me to be based in Singapore which is the geographical centre of the region and closer to the rich potential book markets of Malaya and Indonesia. (Singapore is also a free customs and currency port.) I would cover territory from Burma in the west to Hongkong in the East. They would arrange for me to join and live in the Singapore Club and use it as a base for storage, etc. I liked Singapore the one day I was there, it has more of an Eastern atmosphere than HK. But I was appalled by the sticky<sup>163</sup> humidity, which apparently is year round because of the equatorial location. Yet no doubt air conditioning is common and would offer relief. From another viewpoint, Singapore is closer to Australia, and I could doubtless use the O'Neill contact to facilitate shipping of storage trunks to NZ, etc. I am not overly happy about its being such an important military target, but here no doubt the reliance on God comes into play. They didn't talk exact salary, but it would be much lower than I am getting as their top man overseas is paid only \$7500; but they pointed out I would like bed and board at the company's expense for many months of the year whilst travelling and thus save. If they agree to Ford's having me for 3 months a year in Burma, the total yearly income from both sources might come up to my current income. They agreed to the starting date not being before August 1,<sup>164</sup>  
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**L41.229**

229 - 232

Letter from Kenneth to PB

May 1. 1961

Dear PB

1. Mail outstanding: March 29, reg. airmail from C; April 5, reg. seamail 3 lots, mags, mail & book from C; April 4, airmail tax forms, and seamail letterheads from K; April 8, airletter from K; April 20, 2 Rider books reg. seamail. Also, the Pyrex glass teakettle\* was mailed you April 12 insured.

2. There has been no urgent mail. Delos Smith provided a stamp so I am enclosing his notes. Will send accumulated seamail registered this week.

\*this is kind for putting on stove and boiling water in it. According to Aus. consulate you should not have to pay duty.

3. Enclosed is bank deposit slip for \$63.65 representing ATT offer about which I told you in April 8 airletter. It worked out same whether you took cash or bought extra stock, and I felt you would prefer cash.

4. Enclose Box receipts for your tax deductions.

5. Arnold Toynbee has changed his mind about there being no hope for mankind; if we repent, the only solution is in a new spiritual surge, he says.

6. I enclose opinions of the 3 books at Weiser you asked me to check. All are basic and lowlevel, although what they say is true as far as it goes.

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<sup>163</sup> "stick" in the original.

<sup>164</sup> "July 1" changed to "August 1" by the original editor.

<sup>165</sup> Subsequent lines may be missing.

7. Letter from Mother says: "Thank you for details about Bud. He did tell us he lived in a hut, but did not know he was friendly with any monks. He did say he had made up his mind to make it and he thought he had really got somewhere. Poor Bud, he could be so sweet and kind." Mother & Len are very worried about lease on 54 Bloomsbury St. Tenants have given notice and they are not allowed to take new ones. So I've renewed my suggestion they retire and let me help support them, plus their old-age pensions. It seems to be the only practical course. Mother writes: "The Steiner business has never been a paying concern. We did well when we could get good secondhand books, but that's gone for some time past."

8. Jack Masson wrote me he is coming to NYC next month so I will discuss the business matter with him then.

9. Ted Spicer was very grateful for your letter, but as his reply is not urgent, am including it in seamail package.

10. Besides Romaine, Ellma & Dan on westcoast, have given the Message to Delos, Beau & Eva, Art G., and Tony here. All have accepted it well. Art G is thinking of moving to Florida where he can do business and thus compromise with wife. Beau & E have left for summer at Santa Barbara, return in Sept. They then may go to live in Switzerland to further career in Europe and rely on spiritual umbrella for protection. At dinner with them last week I met Ned Laharri passing thru NYC at<sup>166</sup> his request, then met him again next day. Suggested "brotherhood of man" theme for his presidency term. Tried to inspire him with opportunity he has to be of service, with seeming success.

11. Am meeting Tony's gang next week to explain the {illegible} to them.

12. I have a number of copies of Sivananda's mag. and THE DIVINE LIFE collected from your warehouse when you left NYC. Shall I continue to hold them, or forward them to you Also I have another copy of Rider's latest edition of {illegible}. I have already sent you one; shall I send this one too

13. Had lunch with Ford Foundation people last week. One of their executives is new ambassador-elect to Burma, John Etherton. They are contacting Burma office for confirmation of recommendation, and then will make me offer. McGraw-Hill, have had two more meetings, and now they have made me firm offer, allowing 3-4 months off a year to work for Ford as they realize this is to their prestige. Gordon Graham, who recommended me for Burma assignment is key mover in this, and would be my boss. They offer top salary paid to their overseas men, \$7200, or \$5400 for 9 months. However, they expect me to be in Singapore for only 2 mths a year, and spend 7 mths travelling, and while travelling they pay hotel, food, & laundry actual expenses, as well as fare expenses. By taking this into account I would be able to save almost<sup>167</sup> as much in 9 mths with them as I now do in 12; also living out of USA would not have to pay income tax after a year<sup>168</sup> to here which also helps. So there would be no reduction of income, and perhaps an increase. Also they say that if my performance were satisfactory they would make me Director for the whole of Asia in 2 to 3 years, with responsibility over the other men in the area (which would include Australasia). There is no such position now, but they are expanding and I would be the only overseas man with US experience

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<sup>167</sup> "almost" inserted by the original editor.

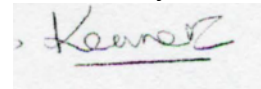
<sup>168</sup> "after a year" inserted by the original editor.

and therefore qualified for post. So the whole thing seems to be unfolding well, and from a practical point seems a good deal, besides allowing me to enjoy the Eastern atmosphere. Since returning to NYCE I have felt like a prisoner and am tired of these long hours at the office, and all the pressures from all sides. There I will be my own boss and not have to account for my time, just produce results.

14. I am giving a number of talks on my Burma experiences—at the Publishers Ad Club and elsewhere; was on the Voice of America last week and have an article coming up in Publishers' Weekly next week.

15. J. Vondruska did the German translation in the {seamail} package going out this week; he asks me to send you his best wishes, as do the Waegners who write from Ecuador.

[All my love,]

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read "Kenneth", with a horizontal line underneath.

**L41.233**

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Letter from Kenneth to PB

May 13, 1961

Dear PB

1. No urgent mail to send via air. My last airmail letter was May 1. On same date I sent you also accumulated seamail. Both registered. On May 8 I sent you registered seamail book ZEN SHOWED ME THE WAY by Seesue Hawakua. (I wasn't too impressed by it. He displays large actor's ego!) Next week I will seamail half-a-dozen magazines received since my return.

2. Gave Message to Bert and Terry, Joey and Margie, and Mikey at Tony's house last week. All received it very constructively and positively. They will now reconsider emigrating, and frankly I doubt if they will--but I'm letting them make own decisions. Tony passed Message on to Charles Mirra, who was expecting it as he had dreamed of it. (as Margie, too!). Art Gerhart phoned to say he had passed it on to Stacys who were relieved about not having to emigrate. Jacques will be here at end of this month, and I will then take up return of investment. (I felt your presence when delivering Message, as did the others.)

3. You wanted Michael Juste's address: it is Michael Houghton, Atlantis Bookshop, 49a, Museum Street, London, W.C.1.

4. Mother & Len have been increasingly negative over the problem of the lease at the shop, and I could just see them spending every evening stewing in worry. So I had to step in with constructive advice which they have accepted -- and now they feel better, they tell me. Because of increased rent and not being allowed to have further tenants, they will give up the shop in September and retire. They will receive £4/12/6 between them as old age pension per week, and I will send them a further £7/2/6, bringing them up to £11/15/- a week. As the house is just about paid for, this should suffice to maintain them quite comfortably. They have accepted my offer gratefully. This will mean a contribution of \$1100 a year from me, which, thanks to my good fortune in the business world, I can manage without

difficulty. I am grateful I am in a position to be able to provide it.

5. My own business affairs have taken an unexpected turn. The president of P/H found out, by a sheer fluke, about my negotiating with McGraw-Hill. To cut a long story short, he and our chairman of the board sat down with me, told me they regarded me highly and would do anything to accommodate me rather than see me leave! I was rather astounded, to say the least. They offered me the same deal as McGH only more so; they have a big project coming up in India next year and this too would come under me. They agree to my taking 3-4 months leave a year for Ford, and as far as I can see there would be no drop in salary--as they didn't mention this (and I didn't want to suggest it!). This alone means a gain of \$3500 gross over the McGH offer per year. In addition, they drew up a projection of my annual profit-sharing showing that I would have a total of a quarter of a million dollars payable to me over the next 15 years.! Even by drawing out each year, as I will this year, this shows I could draw \$1600 in 1962, \$2200 in 1963, \$3000 in 64 and \$4000 in 65 -- et seq. So financially I would be much better off staying with my own company, and doing the same work overseas as I would for McGH. I have analysed the whole situation during the week and have decided to accept and work for PH in the East. I considered the question of loyalty to McGH. I have analysed the whole situation during the week and have decided to accept and work for PH in the East. I considered the question of loyalty to McGH who made the first offer, but then I have loyalty due to my own company too, especially as they are being so accommodating to my wishes. From their viewpoint, it would be disloyalty to go to their biggest competitor. Then again, I cannot ignore the financial advantages, even basing them only on the next 3-4 years; especially as I now have to support Mother and Len. One disadvantage is that I respect Gordon Graham at McGH and he would be a good boss, whereas Bill deLuca at PH, head of International Division, would not -- but at least I have an open line to the president and chairman (as they are putting me in his division) in case of serious problems. So much for the rational thinking: from the spiritual viewpoint, it is most strange that PH should have found out about the McGH offer -- a million to one coincidence. By the same token the McGH offer had to come first for the PH offer to be made (I would never have dared bring up my desire to work in the East to PH otherwise not knowing how strongly I stood with them)...<sup>169</sup> me,"<sup>170</sup> and the confirmation obviously came with the PH offer, finally formed my decision. In addition, it feels right inside. Now, I have the advantage of making my recommendations, at the Chairman's request, for my own future activities and how I believe the new operation should be organized. I will still make Singapore a base, as from a business standpoint, it falls centre of my area of operations, although I will try to include Hongkong in my area. Again, veg diet is easier to obtain in Singapore than HK. My transfer from Hawthorn would take place in November, and I would then go to Burma for 4 mths for Ford, and then onto Singapore -- as I now see it. I haven't yet heard confirmation from Ford. But I believe it will come.

Well, I'm sorry to have taken up your time with all this, but I've tried to be brief and keep it to essential points.

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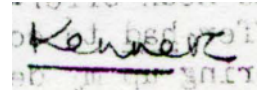
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Dan was in NYC last week and stayed with me. His fare was paid by a client, but he has hopes of a steady job, and I urged him to accept it.

Am sending you EINE STUNDE MIT with this week's batch of magazines; also my feature story in Publishers Weekly which came out quite well and caused comment. (in fact all this publicity I'm getting about my trip must have been a factor in boosting my prestige with Prentice-Hall and contributing to their willingness to cooperate!)[illegible]<sup>171</sup> inner and outer help of the Overself. I am trying to live "{Thy} will be done by me" - and then I know all is well.

Please accept my love,]



### L41.237

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Envelope to Kenneth T. Hurst  
1961<sup>172</sup>

### L41.239

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Incomplete letter from Kenneth  
August 8 {1961}<sup>173</sup>

...<sup>174</sup> both in good health.

<sup>175</sup>2. My last batch of airmail was sent registered on July 12; also sea mail registered on same date. I also sent sea mail registered on June 5.

3. Jacques and Jeffrey were here a week ago en route to Europe for a business trip. He will be back in Uruguay in September. He visited Beau & Noel in California, and tells me they plan to stay there instead of returning to NYC this autumn. We had two long discussions about the \$5000 investment he has of mine, and he gave me a check for \$140 for interest for the first half of the year. To cut a long story short he has agreed to return the \$5000 in full in September upon his return from Europe. I am indeed grateful to you for pointing out the pitfalls and errors I made in making this investment. He has not heard from Bernard, he says. He says they plan to continue living in Uruguay but Jeffrey will come to USA to college in autumn. He seemed friendly enough and spoke highly of you. (I told JVM I was moving to India but did not tell him about the business end.)

<sup>176</sup>4. Jeffrey, incidentally, at 20 has developed a large student's intellect, and is very argumentative about spiritual things!

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<sup>171</sup> A few lines of handwritten text is illegible because it was written over the previous typed sentence.

<sup>172</sup> Postmarked date.

<sup>173</sup> Year assumed from letter content.

<sup>174</sup> Previous pages are missing.

<sup>175</sup> From this paragraph, this letter must be from 1961, seeing the itinerary.

<sup>176</sup> A handwritten exclamation mark noted in left margin near this paragraph.

5. I had intended to visit Gayetri Devi's ashrama at Cohasset this Labor Day weekend, but she writes she is leaving for India in two weeks' time.

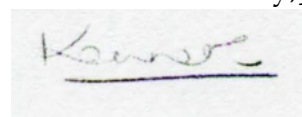
6. I have a<sup>177</sup> meeting with Louis Agostini in September to turn over the postbox function to him. I leave here October 14 for Frankfurt, Paris and London, and then southeast Asia. I hope to give you my complete itinerary in my next letter. Naturally, if I can do anything at all for you, in any place, it would be a definite pleasure to undertake. Please don't hesitate to let me know. I plan to see Hesper's friend, Clifton, in Penang.

7. Len retires on September 30. He is sad about giving up the bookshop. More and more, I see the truth of Buddha's dictums about the temporary nature of existence all around me.

8. Ned Laharri wrote me, saying he will be here in Sept. and would like to see me again.

[I often think of you and send my love.

Devotedly,]



**L41.241**

241 - 244

Letter to PB

September 10, 1961

It was with a sense of poignancy, dear PB ...

that I emptied Box 339 for the last time. With this I forward a few letters airmail, and am sending {registered} the remaining accumulated seaimail. This clears {everything} to date. Yesterday I handed over the postbox {assignment} to Louis Agostini (as we agreed in March). I have given him full instructions. I told him to forward the letters unopened (unless you wish to instruct him otherwise). He will empty the box every 2 weeks. He will use discretion in forwarding airmail those letters which (by air, etc.) look urgent, and forward seaimail magazines and seaimail letters. I told him to open letters from Germany, and if in German to send to Joseph Vondruska for translation, as I have done in the past. Joseph has agreed to continue doing this. Louis will also pay the box rent quarterly and save receipt to send to you in April. I have given him \$36 which will finance the operation for about 18 months. I have also given him the collection of magazines (including Maharshi biography and Sivananda 1959 birthday mag) which you left with me. He will hold them until you ask for them. I have also given Louis the two packets of tax papers, safely sealed, for safe-keeping, until and unless you ask for them. His address is: LOUIS AGOSTINI, 1922 East 14th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. I also told him to open any letters from Dutton, and if enclosing royalty check, told him how to pay it into your 5th Ave. bank account and forward receipt to you. I gave him a letter of authorization from you to enable him to collect registered mail.

2. Attached is a complete listing of outstanding unconfirmed mail; I have

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<sup>177</sup> "Amsterdam," is typed here above this line in the original.

given a copy to Louis.

3. I have destroyed all references to the rice business in letters.

4. Enclosed is my itinerary for Europe and Asia. I reach Delhi and will settle down there next April. Please do not hesitate to let me know if I can do anything at all for you in any of these places. I plan to look up Capn. Tom Neill in Singapore. Mail (registered) should reach me at the places where I stay for a week or more. Prentice-Hall also now plans to set up a man in Hong Kong next year but it seems that destiny definitely wanted me in India! My assignment is for an indefinite time; therefore there is no reason why I cannot live in India for as many years as I wish. At the moment, therefore, I tentatively plan to do so for the next 5 or 6 years – unless something else {is indicated} or intuition and opportunity presents another {illegible}

{illegible} working part time at Weiser's for a {illegible} seems to be a very good job {illegible} know within 2 weeks.

1960<sup>178</sup>

November	7	Seamail	Registered	Letters
"	"	"	"	Printed Matter
"	"	"	2 Parcels Of Books	
December	2	"	Registered	Letters
"	12	Airletter		
"	16	Seamail	"	Magazines

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March	29	Airmail	"	
April	4	"	Tax forms	
"	4	Sea mail	Letterheads	
"	5	"	Registered	Magazines
"	5	"	"	Letters
"	5	"	"	Book
"	8	Airletter		
"	12	Parcel Post	"	Pyrex Teakettle
"	20	Seamail	"	2 Rider Books
May	1	Airmail	"	Letters
"	1	Seamail	"	"
"	8	Seamail	"	Book (Sessue Zen)
"	13	Airletter		

	"	17 Seamail	"	Magazines
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June	5	"	"	Letters
July	12	"	"	"
	"	12 Airmail	"	"
	"	31 Seamail		Books (Islam & {Illegible}) <sup>179</sup>
August	7	Airmail	"	Letters
	"	17 Seamail	"	"
	"	17 Seamail	"	Book (Sivananda)
Sept.	12	"	"	Letters
	"	12 Airmail	"	"

## L41.245

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Letter from PB to Kenneth  
Box K-819, Perth. W.A.

Sept 28 61

It is hoped that this will reach you before your departure, dear Kenneth...

so an aircard or a 10¢ Airform "letter Received" will be welcome. You are likely to be so busy clearing up at such a time!

(1) As you say India is preferable to Hongkong from every viewpoint, as Hongkong is preferable to New York!

(2) Remember, in all this travel in the Orient, to take good care of the body's health. Attention to it, plus precaution against possible disease thru food, drink, climate and personal contacts, is always advisable here, and rewarding.

(3) I am wondering how PH found out about the McG offer. Did you learn?

(4) You don't mention Jack Masson and the 5 grand? What action? Press this.

(5)<sup>180</sup> Be careful, too, about the feeling of riding high when you feel the forces carrying you to success and achievement. Don't fall into the trap which Norma Hutzler once mentioned of vanity. That is the very time to stand aside from the ego, and be modest. This is not moral counsel, but practical

(6) Yes Herman was very good to you, and you owe him much, and good for you—at the time. And she was good for you, too! however hard to take at times. I want to send her a word. Is 204 Niagara Ave still correct address?

(7) Michael<sup>181</sup> Houghton, Gil Norcutt, my Stepmother, and four others have died within the past year also. So we are reminded of life's transiency.

(8) Prentice Hall's Indian scheme is exactly similar to one broached to me by the late Clifford Potter during the war, (he was then mgr of Rider's) who had proven

<sup>179</sup> Word is partially cut off by the right margin. Only "Phy-" is visible in the original.

<sup>180</sup> A bracket is handwritten in the right margin around this paragraph.

<sup>181</sup> "Micahel" in original.

an extraordinarily correct predictive insight in all business matters So this scheme has high success potentiality, as you yourself perceive.

(9) If, as I expect, you see Mother and Len give them my warmest greetings. I shall always be glad to hear from them thru the New York address In view their retirement from bookshop, I am going to put Mother in for cash benefit in the new redrafted Last Will I shall make in about 5 or 6 months' time.

(10) Since registration all mail comes in safely; Louis will be an excellent choice for the work but tell him that after mid-October to send airmail matter only<sup>182</sup> and to hold all seamail for several weeks until I supply him with a new address for both air and seamail.<sup>183</sup> The Perth address will be given up. I plan to leave Australia permanently during the last week of November, which I must spend in Sydney.

(11) You mention New Zealand. Be careful about financial transactions concerning it. England's entry into ECM will be almost a knockout blow for NZ, which sends 80% of exports there, whereas Australia depends far less. I am told that the NZ £ will fall heavily in value as a result. Incidentally enclose receipt for the Bank Deposit you made here. My Hongkong bank deposit is functioning OK, thanks. It is British owned. However since I have to settle down and complete my book, there is no more travel on the schedule and I prefer to do it in NZ so I shall go there. The whole country is in the earthquake belt, but the east side more so, which is the answer to Art Gerhart's question about it.

(12) Give the Sivananda Magazines collected from warehouse as present to Louis but the other copy of WOTO can be sent by him when he next sends seamail printed matter to the next address he'll get later.

(13)<sup>184</sup> re para 11 I ought to add that there is very bitter feeling against UK in Nz and threat of retaliation against imports and in other ways

(14) In your travel difficulties about vegetarian restaurants, note that those owned by Indians usually can offer veg food, and where this is not available those owned by Indonesians may be able to do so.

(15)<sup>185</sup> You apologise for expressing your negative self during your visit to Perth.<sup>186</sup> This is not necessary as I did not see such a self! Your own imagination is at work here, as I was satisfied with your visit. Remember I did not expect to receive either an angel or a superman adept! I took you as the human being you are. So please don't worry and forget this alleged faultiness. I hope you will be able to make another visit before long.

(16) It is a good opportunity to tell you how very thankful I am to you for the valuable, efficient and lengthy cooperation you have given in working matters out of the devotion in your heart It has been a real help in several ways. I am sorry if I have seemed too cold and impersonal at times but I have tried to call for your inner blessing in the ways you needed.

Shall always be glad to get your news

[With much peace & affection]

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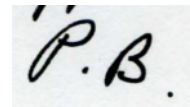
<sup>182</sup> Underlined by hand.

<sup>183</sup> "for both air and seamail" inserted by the original editor.

<sup>184</sup> Page 247

<sup>185</sup> A bracket is handwritten in the right margin around the next two paragraphs.

<sup>186</sup> "Peth" in the original.



L41.249

249 - 252  
Incomplete letter to PB  
London  
October 11, 1961

Your Sept 28 letter arrived a few days before my departure, dear PB ...

and it was very welcome indeed. I was most happy to hear from you prior to embarking on such a long journey. It brought me much happiness in many ways. And your October 8 air letter arrived here safely, too.

(1) As a result of my writing Jacques a follow-up request for the 5,000 dollars a few weeks ago, he sent me a cheque in full payment. But as it was drawn on American Express in Geneva, I am awaiting notification from my New York bank that it cleared safely. So this should settle the matter. I am most grateful to you for your sound advice in this matter and will try to let it be a lesson for the future.

(2) Your letter prevented me making another financial mistake. Not wanting to leave all my capital in dollars in the USA, I was about to send 5,000 to a bank in Christchurch in a savings account. This was intended as a reserve for the far future in case of sudden emigration there. Just one day later and I would have mailed my cheque! So once again I am indebted to you in this direction. Incidentally, if the NZ £ does fall in value once England enters ECM (and this morning's papers predict this for near future) would it not be a sound move to transfer dollars into NZ pounds afterwards, and thus obtain more per the dollar? If it falls once, it should not fall again, no doubt? Meantime, I think I shall follow your example and put 2,000 dollars into a savings account in the HK & Shanghai bank in Singapore, and keep it there in British pounds. I am concerned, you see, about the possibility of the February 4 conjunction of the planets affecting the U.S. economic situation, with a result of the dollar dropping in value and also being frozen in U.S.A. and thus wish to hedge against this possibility. Economically, the U.S. is far from sound; only the government and defence spending are keeping it up.

(3) Noel called me in NYC and I had dinner with her, Beau and Dorothy Young a few days before my departure. They (N, B, and baby) may even stay on in Europe to benefit N's career. It appears too difficult to make a success in USA. But no doubt she wrote you all their news, as she said she would.

(4) Yes, had thought of collecting stationery for you and will send batches along route via seamaile – either to Box 339 or direct if I receive new address from you.

(5) Ted Spicer had a heart attack Sept. 3, but appears to be recovering. I gather that he successfully sold his business, following your counsel, and should now be able to retire on the proceeds. I enclose two of his letters for your information. I do not need them back, as wrote him just before leaving.

(6) Dr Rostam K. Sarfeh, a Persian M.D., and his Bulgarian wife, contacted me in NYC per a suggestion you had given them a year or so ago. They are now in USA

for a year. I spent two evenings with them. They are a very nice couple, devoted readers of PB, and tell me there are many more readers in Iran. He is more practical, living in the world, and on a more religious level; but she has spiritual depths and potential. I gave them 339 address and photo from SCOM jacket, as they were longing for contact with you, but warned them you were unable to answer letters.

(7) Hesper came into town for a farewell lunch last week, and was very sad as she sensed this was goodbye. But I cheered her up by reminding her of prediction she had one more life yet, and said we would probably meet again next time! Anne, daughter, is remarrying in London next February, and they are coming over for it. I promised Hesper to visit Clifton in Penang.

(8) I'm sorry, but I have mislaid Hutzler new address. It is no longer Niagara Avenue. Was it on the note she sent me which I forward to you? If not, Frances Stacy knows it and would forward a letter. Yes, I feel that the loose ends of my cycle with them have been tidied up, and I am glad to have finally parted on good terms with them.

(9) I gave Louis your instructions about mail forwarding and Sivananda magazines. He seems very capable and efficient and should perform trustworthily. I have reviewed with him all the instructions in writing, so there should be no problems. I told him to forward letters unopened, leaving it for you to countermand if you wish. No one else knows about who is handling mail forwarding. (I am beginning to learn the wisdom of discretion, as you have advised many times!) I gave Louis 36 dollars which should last him 12-18 months.

(10) Art Gerhart phoned me before leaving that he moves with wife to Naples, Florida in December. No doubt he will write you directly. He can continue his broker business there.

(11) After Christmas Humphreys first refusing to accept them, and then my waxing indignant and threatening to publicise his discourtesy in world Buddhist magazines, I finally delivered Bud's ashes to the Buddhist Society yesterday. They wrapped them in a sacred cloth which had been blessed by many Bhikkus (including my friend, U Thittila of Rangoon,) and thus he has come to his final resting place in England. Although bits and pieces of his ashes<sup>187</sup> are scattered around the world marking the trail from Rangoon, Australia, New York and London! Karen and Len were happy over it, and Mother said she felt Bud was in the house the other night. So he was able to visit many old friends around the world after his death. I was very happy to be of this final service to him.

(12) While I don't know exact details but piecing two and two together it seems that the head of McGraw-Hill's International Division, (Gordon Graham's boss,) announced my return to the fold prematurely at a board meeting. Afterwards, the McGH chairman twitted the PH president about their getting me away when they met at some publishers' meeting. (Both McGH executives could also profit from study of discretion, it seems!) Thus this million-to-one coincidence led to my present and better opportunity in India. Naturally one suspects the hand of karma at work here, and I never cease to be amazed at the way it causes things to happen. For, without the McGH offer, PH would not have thought of me for India as they didn't know my personal interest in the East. And so the one led to the other

(13) I appreciate the warning about the trap of vanity. I feel rather like a

swimmer being carried forward by a large wave; he knows his forward progress is not due to his own efforts. Certainly things are going remarkably well for me in every direction. Last week the PH president told me he thought highly of me after working with him on a few International projects, and said I was the only one in the International Division with realistic management thinking. Further, the consul general of India in NYC wrote him a letter congratulating him on choosing me for the Indian operation and praising me—after I had lunched with the CG. The president said I could have my choice of staying in India to continue the company there, or returning to USA in 3 to 5 years once Indian operation was running smoothly and profitably and either heading up International Division or going into top PH overall management. This is a nice arrangement for me under present circumstances and I am content to leave it that way and defer decision until 1965 or 6. Anyway, I really know that all this good fortune is not “me” and I hope to continue your advice and stand away from the ego

(14) Yes, I found Indian restaurants ideal for veg meals, especially in Burmese country villages. Also a sole Indian restaurant in Hongkong, and another in Tokyo, were my only source of veg food. Ordinary restaurants were too difficult—especially with language barrier. But India, of course, will be perfect for veg food, except of course for lack of salads. Perhaps eventually I’ll be able to grow my own salad foods.

(15) As I do not visit Amsterdam this trip, Arthur is anxious to see me and wants to come to Paris for that purpose. So I am letting him come and will spend Sunday and Monday with him there before I go onto Frankfurt for a week. I had put him in touch with Sabine, the young lady I met in the vegrestaurant in Paris, and he visited her a few weeks ago. He reports highly of her, says she “has good intuition, well balanced nature and sound judgment. She loves beauty and art, meditates regularly, is a spiritual aspirant, and reads your book thoroughly. I asked him if he would be interested in marriage with her, but he writes no, her ego is too strong for him! Of course, that is the trouble with most western women. Anyway I am seeing her this Saturday so will be able to develop my own opinion.

(16) I am most grateful for your remarks about my visit to Perth. I had worried about this since leaving you and regretted being unable to express my positive side while with you. I am relieved to receive your gracious understanding and will strive to perform better next time. You know, of course, it goes without saying that I would go out of my way for a meeting with you. While in India in 1962 I shall be entitled to 2 weeks leave and thus could fly within {36}<sup>188</sup> hours to any part of the East to be with you, or to any part of Australasia.

(17) I have written Capn. Tom Neill for a meeting while in Singapore. I’ll also spend some time with Ned Laharry during non-business hours in Calcutta. From Delhi I hope to spend weekends in the yogi haunts to the north, and to visit Shri Sivananda’s ashram at Rikikish.

(18) Karen and Len are well and send their love to you. Len is adjusting to his retirement. I have gone over their financial affairs with them. My allowance, plus old age pension, will enable them to live comfortably. Winding up his business went smoothly (a good sign it was the right move) and they have a £3,000 nestegg for emergencies, etc. So they are better off than many others! They have made me

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<sup>188</sup> “36” and “48” are typed over each other.



their sole heir when they both pass on.

(19) I have my belongings in 3 trunks in NYC storage for shipment India in March. And thus a new cycle replaces the old, and I will be putting to use in India the abilities I learned in America, and thus the west will aid the east. I shall think of you during my journeys...<sup>189</sup>

## L41.253

253 - 254

Incomplete letter to PB

July 1, 1962

I think of you, dear PB...

...far more often than I write. Delhi summers seem more conducive to the former than latter! Although when the temperature tops 110° even the former seems to evaporate!

"A Hermit in the Himalayas" was reread with greater appreciation when I recently spent a few days in a government forest resthouse at Kempt Falls, nestling in the foothills of the Himalayan slopes beyond Mussoorie. Even at this low (7000ft) altitude, I found myself completely overawed by the spell of these majestic hills. Their very existence seems a reminder to man of his insignificance, of the power of Nature, and indeed they are mute testimonials to the serenity and beauty that dwells within us. Now I understand why you, and so many others, have gone to them to inspire the inner growth. I look forward to renewing their acquaintance at the next opportunity.

Travelling with a government official friend we later drove, after a couple of days in the Queen of the Hills, to Rishikesh—near your state of Tehri-Gwalior. Here I attended Swami Sivananda's darshan. He gave me three of his books and a mango! Although I was impressed by the man (he would make an excellent business executive!) I did not particularly appreciate the officiousness and commandeering attitudes of his disciples. I had no chance for a talk with him. His health appears to be waning, as he lay on a bed during the public audience and was helped away by two disciples supporting him.

I also had an interview with Swami Nagabaga—who is supposed to be 115 years old. They say he lived naked in Himalayan snows for 41 years. His strength of character impressed me, but his teaching appears to be basically Bhakti.

I also bathed twice in Holy Ganga at Hardwar. Probably it was sentiment, or the heat, but the fast-flowing waters did seem unusually invigorating to me.

Well, I've settled down nicely in my bungalow in the new suburban colony, and now find myself the owner of two siamese cats! The company formation appeared to be proceeding satisfactorily to a close, but the current economic scare sparked a hitch. I think we can overcome it, but it may delay final approval six weeks. The President of P-H wrote me informally asking whether I was satisfied or would rather be using my "abilities" back in USA. I replied saying I felt I should see this project through here. I feel that our plan is a beneficial one for India, particularly with the present foreign exchange crisis, and that therefore it will unfold

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<sup>189</sup> At least one line of text runs off the page.

and come about. But it's somewhat frustrating dealing with the bureaucratic regulation-ridden Oriental-minded officials who can't see beyond their noses.

I have not heard from Tony, Cosmo or any of the others back in USA. It's the non-quester friends who seem to remember one, paradoxically. However, Jacques Masson wrote he's coming to India later in year.

I have made many friends here. I particularly appreciate the Indian's basic reverence for the spiritual life, their understanding and acceptance of yoga and vegetarianism, etc. There's the "ying," too, of course, as everywhere, and their inefficiency is appalling. However, I feel my adjustment is still in gestation, and the final relationship to India is yet to work itself out. An astrologer last week told me I would live here the rest of my life (to 91), that I'd marry and have two children, and that my father would live to a ripe old age!

P. Brown's books, especially "India" seem well displayed and ever popular here.

The Maharshi's and your photographs are honored in my bedroom and enshrined in my heart. Please accept my love and devotion and forgive me for saying I miss you<sup>190</sup>...

#### L41.255

255 - 256

Telegram from Kenneth Hurst to PeeBee

11 10 62<sup>191</sup>

GLT Kenneth Hurst B-29  
Defence Colony ND  
Auckland NZ

Quite welcome can arrange up to one week's visit writing

Peace be with you {PB}<sup>192</sup>

#### L41.257

257 - 258


Telegram from PB

Undated

Have pleasure in saying I will come to the city terminal of teal line ("airways house," customs street east) on Saturday night November 10th to meet the coach bringing you from airport. Office estimates coach will arrive about 7.45 pm at terminal

Until then---

[Peace & Affection]



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<sup>190</sup> Subsequent lines appear to be missing.

<sup>191</sup> Postmarked date.

<sup>192</sup> "PEEBEE" in the original; full note is printed in caps in the original telegram.

**L41.259**

259 - 262

Letter to Kenneth Hurst

10 Nov. 62<sup>193</sup>

To<sup>194</sup> Mr Kenneth Hurst  
(Arriving From Sydney)

You Will Be Met At The City Teal Line Terminal By Dr Brunton When Your Coach Arrives About 7.45 Pm. Saturday 10 November.

**L41.263**

263 - 264

Letter from PB to Kenneth

29 Nov 62<sup>195</sup>

Dear Kenneth

Thank you for the letter from Sydney. I am happy you were able to come and have the change here, but I too wanted to see you.

Thank you too for the service offer. This letter may reach you too late but if it does not, perhaps you could remit about \$25 to Louis Agostini, 1922 Fourteenth St Brooklyn, 29. NY to pay for mailbox rent and postage. I don't know what the present balance is, but this should help to keep it in order. His expenses are less than when you cleared the box There is no need for you to see him, (or any other friends) nor to mention your name when remitting provided you explain what is the purpose of the remittance

There is one other service which, again, if there is not enough time left, can be dropped. It is to go to a large Health Food Store and buy 3 to 4 lbs of Powdered Soup Broth, Meat free also-Salt free if at all possible. Have them pack it securely for you, but the label must not bear their name as Sender, only yours, and it must be marked "GIFT" in large letters. This is the only way for me to get the soup without endless govt import licence bother, often turned down in the end.

If you can do these things, thank you; if not, I want you not to worry, I'll get them done some other way.

On other matters I shall write to you c/o Mother as I want to write her also.

Did you meet Swami Vishudananda at Sivananda's asram? He is a leading disciple. If so, did he mention PB? I forgot to ask you about this. Your answer can wait till you return to India He was in NYC when I was there, and became very abusive about PB when the name was mentioned! [{illegible}] funny, but instructive & testing.

With Peace & Affection

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<sup>193</sup> Date determined from envelope.

<sup>194</sup> Page 261

<sup>195</sup> "ES 6-5653" is handwritten at top right of page.

P.B.

PS. The parcel, and all your letters, must be sent to Box 2583, never to residence. Far safer]

## L41.265

265 - 266

Blank Aerogramme from PB to Kenneth  
BOX 2583, Auckland, New Zealand  
29 NOV 1962<sup>196</sup>

## L41.267

267 - 270

Handwritten letter from PB<sup>197</sup> to Kenneth  
Undated

Here<sup>198</sup> is the Preface, dear Kenneth,  
to "The Hidden Teaching beyond Yoga."

You ask for my opinion about Weiser's printing of "The Quest of the Overself." I find no difference to require comment between his and Rider's edition. What I do notice is that W. has cut down the margins, but I accept that change since he has agreed to make the deletions etc. in the H.T.b.Y. I note that "Secret India" will be the second work to be done so I will do another short Preface for it within the next couple of weeks and that the changes will be included.

With regard to "The Inner Reality" I know that there is quite a problem for<sup>199</sup> W. but I will wait to hear about your discussion about this book with him. I will cooperate in every way possible after I hear from you about this.

With<sup>200</sup> reference to the dayspring of youth your intuition was correct and Brother M. would not approve of my breaking his anonymity. However as Weiser would like me to contribute something to diminish the mystery I shall try to write a half page but no more of information to satisfy curiosity while preserving the secret of his identity.

Sometime between mid June and mid July I have to go for a week to Zurich to attend to various matters. I find life here in Blonay much better for me than down below in Montreux.

With Peace & Affection

P.B.

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<sup>196</sup> Postmarked date.

<sup>197</sup> Most of the letter written in a different hand.

<sup>198</sup> Page 267

<sup>199</sup> Page 269

<sup>200</sup> A handwritten line drawn in left margin around second half of this paragraph.

Arthur arrived with a new young lady who works at his library – Just companion nothing serious he says.

**L41.271**

271 - 274

Letter from Kenneth to PB  
B-29 Defence Colony,  
New Delhi 3, India  
February 3, 1963

On January 17, my dear PB—

I sent you in one parcel, by registered seamount bookpost, all the books which you had asked me to obtain. My original notes taken at the time are enclosed for your checking and reference. There were nine books total. Plus a tenth described below.\*

It was a pleasure to be able to do something for you again, dear PB I also enjoyed reading the books myself before forwarding them. The remarks about P. Brown by Chadwick in the early part of his book are to be regretted; they only reflect on the writer's own limitations.

\*The tenth book is a very funny one: the "Diary of ex-King Edward." It was given me by an Urdu publisher I came across in the depths of the Moslem enclave in nearby Nizammudin. He and his few assistants were busily binding their few publications by hand. Over tea, he told me how his deceased father, an Urdu writer of renown, had written the book, and later sent a copy to the Duke of Windsor. The Duke courteously acknowledged it, and said that the abdication events were much as he had described in the book.

On January 28 I airmailed you a copy of the PH Executive Diary, and hope it will be useful!

I've seamounted you a copy of our book, INDIA, which has a foreword by Prime Minister Nehru. Two days ago I had a 15-minute interview with him, and presented him with a copy of the book. We chatted about books and education; however, he is not a facile conversationalist and I suspected his attention was elsewhere. Nevertheless he was most cordial and charming. His size is similar to P. Brown's. Leaving him I was surprised to find myself filled with peace as when taking leave of a sage, I can only recount the fact and not attempt to draw conclusions.

Enclosed are letters from mutual friends I thought might interest you. I have acknowledged them all so please dispose of them as you wish, as there is no need to return them.

I leave here February 14 for London where I spend a week with our London office, and then on to New York. My address in London will be c/o the Gills, and thereafter, until I find an apartment; "Personal" Prentice-Hall International, Inc., Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, U.S.A.

Because I will be working at the main office daily in New Jersey (an hour from NYC) and therefore not in the city during regular hours, it might be better to let Louis continue the mail forwarding, unless of course you wish otherwise. I could arrange a trip to Box 339 about every fortnight, if you desired.

Rereading<sup>201</sup> the WAR AND THE WORLD chapter in WOTO has been a rewarding experience. Although written 21 years ago it is as timely and pertinent as written yesterday. It analyses the present situation concisely. It is interesting to note that since its writing post war developments have followed its charts in both directions: on one side, western aid to underdeveloped countries, the UN, ECM, and talks of disarmament, have come into being; as well as the end of colonialism; on the other, man's unruly nature still expresses itself violently. One wishes to be of greater service in helping the evolutionary pattern towards the higher arc. I only wish this chapter could be reprinted and distributed by the millions.

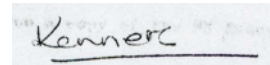
My feelings on leaving India are mixed. I seem to have entered the third stage of the relationship with Mother India. Also there is the sadness of closing yet another chapter in one's life.

Soon too you will once more be going through the upheavals of packing and being on the move. I only wish I could be of help to you, or that someone there can relieve you of some of the troublesome details. I know what it is like!

I carry happy memories of my visit and often think back on it.

Please bear in mind my request to be considered for service—in any form.

[With my love and devotion,]



**L41.275**

275 - 278

Letter from PB to Kenneth  
Box 2583, Auckland,  
New Zealand  
12 Feb 63

Your letters of Feb 3, Jan 1 & Nov 24, dear Kenneth...

But I am not replying to them just now, only writing on a couple of points...

1st now that they have experienced this awful winter climate in UK, Mother & Len may be more disposed to listen to what you can tell them of the milder New Zealand climate. I read that 1000s of Britishers have registered for emigration solely after this experience and for this reason.

2nd thank Mother again for her thoughtfulness in sending me the book Michael gave her and which I am so glad to have. He was a genius, and one of our friends despite outer appearance.

3rd your experience of peace on leaving Nehru is due to a combination of factors. Despite his blunders he is a great man and a great soul. Several Indian holy men concentrate on helping him keep inner peace and gain inner strength, whether {he}<sup>202</sup> believes it or not. Finally his daily hatha yoga practice closes mental activity and confers inner quiet, during which period their power touches him, filling the emptiness.

4th if this reaches you in time and it is possible for you (or Len failing you,

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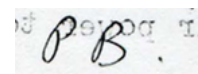
<sup>202</sup> This word runs off the page. Only "h" is visible in the original.

after departure) to arrange, kindly send me the juicer advertised herewith. There are two important points however. I do NOT want both juicer and mixer, solely the JUICER. Next it takes months to get an import licence here, from Wellington, owing to redtape, so my friend in the Customs Service here advises the following procedure: Have it send marked "GIFT FROM RELATIVE"; Send a short note to me referring only to the juicer and not to any other matters stating it is being send as a Gift. Do not let the firm enclose any invoice or receipt, but enter the value on Declaration Form for Customs which is attached to the address label, as £11 (eleven pounds). This is<sup>203</sup> the wholesale value, and the duty I shall pay would anyway be on wholesale and not retail value. The purpose of putting a reduced price is because Gifts may not exceed £10 in value, but the odd extra £1 will be passed. Duty has to be paid here, whether on Gifts or trade parcels, the advantage of all this procedure is to save months of obstructive correspondence and delay, at the end of which a License may well be refused. This way, the machine once sent, will be admitted.

I don't know what postage will cost so am sending £20, the balance to go to Mother for her own use in any way she likes. Also, I am filling in Len's name in case it is easier in London for you that way.

Well, every good wish, and you will hear at length from me before long.

Peace and affection to you, Mother and Len



## L41.279

279 - 280

Handwritten letter from Erna Rose King

3/23/63<sup>204</sup>

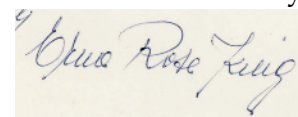
Dear Sir,

Please be so kind and let me have the address of Kenneth Hurst.

I just arrived from Italy and need very much {to} contact Dr Paul Brunton or Kenneth Hurst.

I thank you kindly of the informing note I received, looking forward to {illegible} from you, accept my {earnest} thanks.

Cordially



## L41.281

281 - 281

Letter from PB

Residence: # 6, Heywood Crescent, Epsom,  
Auckland New Zealand S.E. 3.<sup>205</sup>

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<sup>203</sup> Page 277

<sup>204</sup> "replied 4/6/63" is handwritten in the top left corner.

11 Oct

Your letter Oct 1st:

As I cabled you yesterday, you will be very welcome to visit me here. Any date will be convenient.

Although I haven't a second bed in this flat, there is a couch, so you could put up on it and save hotel cost. I am living out in a suburb, about the same distance from Central as at Perth.

I mentioned in the cable that you could stay up to<sup>206</sup> one week, if you are free to do so.

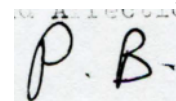
After you arrange your dates let me know so that I may be able to keep that period of your stay free from other arrangements as far as possible.

There is no use discussing matters on paper if you are likely to be here soon. Anyway I hope it will be possible to leave this country in about 5 months' time; I have no desire to stay here; also I don't care for it, Australia is far superior, but I hope to avoid both of them when I next travel.

Did I give you the name of restaurants in Sydney where you can get vegetarian and/or Oriental food and Raw Juices?<sup>207</sup> If not, let me know and I'll see if I can find the addresses to send you.

Sydney has a cosmopolitan, semibohemian, Soho-like quarter which is more interesting than the other parts. It's "Kings Cross". I can recommend the hotel, having stayed there. Its "Hampton House Hotel" – KC Sydney is sufficient address probably, if you want to write. Also the Head of the Dining Room is a former Swiss, who went out of his way to arrange vegetarian food for me exactly as I wanted it. But for curries I went out. It is popular and hence advisable to book a room as far in advance as poss.

I look forward to seeing you  
With Peace and Affection,



**L41.283**

283 - 286

Letter from PB to Kenneth  
Box 2583, Auckland, New Zealand<sup>208</sup>

12:X:63

It was good to hear from you (26/9/63) again, dear Kenneth...

I'm pleased your talents are appreciated.

The proposed marriage is not a surprise; you would be helped by a reasonably successful one. However is the betrothal period long enough for you

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<sup>205</sup> "Box 2583, Auckland, New Zealand" and "Phone: 559-813" typed at top of page.

<sup>206</sup> "to" inserted by the original editor.

<sup>207</sup> The original editor inserted "and Raw Juices"

<sup>208</sup> Address printed in the letterhead.



both to know each other sufficiently? Don't rush!

BW's description is satisfactory, but the matter of affinity requires some time to ascertain unless both your intuitions are unmixed with others. If she wants to write me, I'll be glad to hear from her. But be cautious; there's a reason.

Yes, please take care not to get involved with Cosmo again other than long-distance or long-interval acquaintance.

Having had the Lsd experience and seen 'the pattern' I suggest that it is more prudent not to repeat taking the drug

The Box 339 matter: I have been trying to reduce the flow to it, so that it is now much less; later I may close it down and have a single address in UK, but this will be decided after I have been awhile in Europe. So if you could clear the box on Saturdays only, you need send me the stuff twice a month, as no urgent mail goes there now. As regards your months' absence when travelling I believe the postal officials there will readdress individual envelopes if for a period not longer than a month. Please enquire.

I am closing down permanently this New Zealand address 30 February, arriving in Europe some time during March. The plan is to proceed first to Austria, then Germany and Switzerland—all this on business—after that I'll be free to consider my own personal future. The USA is not in my itinerary at present but I'll doubtless visit England. As far as I can see there will be a half year in Europe, but after that it's in the air with no return to NZ. I may not have the time to meet our friends, so perhaps it would be better to say nothing more than that I'll be travelling somewhere in Europe.

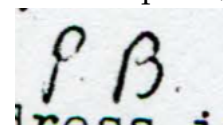
So from March 1st the permanent mail address will be: c/o NATIONAL & GRINDLAYS Ltd. 54 Parliament St. London, S.W.1.

Please thank Len and Mother for mailing the Juicer which came in due course. (And I am grateful to you for it.) I hope they are able to take things with more serenity than was possible in the hectic business days, and that Mother's broken arm will heal more speedily. Give them my affectionate greetings

My health remains good, the international scene is certainly better than a year ago, and the hope that war may yet be avoided is likewise better. Look for changes in Chinese leadership!

Please don't hesitate to write me whenever you wish. My retreat is nearly over.

With affection and peace,



PS When I write you again [to USA]<sup>209</sup> which address is safer: your home one or office one?

PPS<sup>210</sup> There are a few other letters from you to acknowledge, of an earlier date, but rather than hold this back and risk missing you in London, I'll post it today and write you again about them

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<sup>209</sup> "to USA" inserted by PB himself by hand.

<sup>210</sup> Page 285

Letter from PB to Kenneth  
Box 2583, Auckland, New Zealand.  
27 Nov 63

[Dear Kenneth]

This acknowledges your letters 4 & 20 Nov, and repeats my cable of 24 Nov  
"Reject Romaine suggestion Writing tomorrow do absolutely nothing  
pending letter - Brown"

(1) Some months ago I received a very strong psychic message to warn you against marriage, that if it materialized it would end and be broken up, bringing unhappiness to both partners.<sup>211</sup> Altho I knew the message referred to this year I kept on putting off sending it for two reasons. It was a long time since I had heard from you and I thought I could reasonably incorporate it in any reply which would be sent as soon as I did hear. The other reason was that I did not want to hurt your feelings—mere weakness on my part, I admit. I thought finally that if something like marriage was being contemplated you would surely inform me and I could then send the warning. So I waited to hear whether or not this was the case. (2) Your letter came like a bolt from the blue announcing the betrothal as a finished fact. However two points were not quite clear to me, hence my modified warning to establish a waiting engagement period. The first was, what this 'betrothal' meant legally and the second why this tremendous haste to rush into it. I did not think that there was any pregnancy involved. Also I did not know whether the betrothal had been consummated or not. It was all hazy, because in India there are two betrothals—a sort of engagement and later the consummation. (3) Coming about the period of your having taken LSD I associated this occurrence in some indirect way with it. It is the latest and most powerful<sup>212</sup> of drugs of the consciousness-affecting type. I know it does give these marvellous visions and expansions and even mystic experiences. But it is still comparatively new and those who administer it know only a fraction of the side-effects and longterm consequences of taking this drug. They must be there and must affect the mind. Aldous Huxley greatly regretted having taken and written about mescaline (in his book DOORS OF PERCEPTION) because the harmful effects came out after 2 or 3 years but meanwhile his advocacy of it had gone around the world. Hence I am opposed to taking LSD a 2nd and 3rd time. I warn you not to do so. (4) This involvement with GD's asram has gone too far. I thought you used it occasionally to get away from the NY hard atmosphere. But it is a hothouse ashram, with the usual results, unsuited to the philosophical path and leading to illusions of various kinds. It is very beneficial to those seeking religious comfort or consolation for life's frustrations, but not at all for those who need tough hard truth<sup>213</sup> (for the rest of this incarnation). (4) I reject this religious belief that you are 'spiritually' married to BW. All this is superstition, opinion, suggestion. Don't

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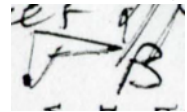
<sup>211</sup> Underlining in this letter is done by hand.

<sup>212</sup> "power" in the original.

<sup>213</sup> "(for the rest of this incarnation)" inserted by the original editor.

let anyone frighten you into such beliefs with tall talk BW has reacted very nobly to the break but her statement that she will withdraw into nun-status if you don't continue merely shows how strongly she has absorbed these superstitious beliefs, as well as the unbalanced onesided teaching of renunciation which identifies spirituality with the monk-nun status. She is making an emotional reaction to the blow received, instead of rising above it thru wisdom. (5) Merely to go thru a civil marriage in order to get divorced again soon after, as some of them suggest, makes no sense and is again mere emotionality. I presume again there is no question of pregnancy? (6) If you & B were really suited and in real affinity, you would feel and know it and would not have leapt so abruptly into a break away. The fact that you did would seem to show an uneasiness beneath the conscious level. I know nothing about, for or against BW, hence I can neither approve or disapprove of this particular marriage. But I do know the psychic inner warning about it which I received before I ever received any news at all from you

[With peace & affection]



[PS] I must send this off now to catch the plane but write and bring me up to date, [as] soon as you get this

[It is fixed—I leave New Zealand 4th February Arrive Europe March 9th]<sup>214</sup>

## L41.289

289 - 292

Letter from PB to Kenneth  
Box 2583, Auckland, New Zealand.  
Jan 21.64

Your letters Dec 14 & Jan 14, dear Kenneth...

It is very contenting to me, and lucky for you, that both B & her guru have let you off so lightly, altho it is certainly in the ashram interests to avoid any real difficulty over this matter. This talk of the karmic price sounds more intimidating than it really is. B had lessons to learn from this experience as well as you; if she profits by them that is her gain. You have to weigh the male responsibility and discipline needed in all affairs with the opposite sex. (b) It is more prudent not to yield to the clamor for the ring, but to retain it. This is partly for psychic contact and influence tied to you if they get it, partly because it is common practice to return rings when the connection ends, and morally just too, partly for symbolic reasons. However B has been emotionally hurt, so if there is some other way to be kind to her, it's worth doing.

(2) Yes please hold the old Royalty Statements until further instructions; if I can visit USA as I hope to do next year or sooner I'll take them over and go thru for destruction. Box rent receipts may be held only until 1960; after that date they are

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<sup>214</sup> " It is fixed—I leave New Zealand 4th February Arrive Europe March" inserted by PB himself by hand at the very top of the page.

not required. Hold the Sivananda publications along with the Royalty papers.

(3) Singapore has been dropped, so cancel the address I gave you there. In fact, as I can't furnish Grindlays any reliable mail address after leaving NZ, please don't send any mail to London either; hold it all in New York until mid March by which time I should be briefly settled somewhere, and will give you a safe address. The only exception is that I have a chance of meeting Jack Masson in the Orient, and so will you please send by return any address there he has given for mail, together with his more permanent mail address in Europe. As I shall pick up the morning mail on February 5th before flying away, your reply could get here in time.

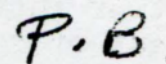
(4)<sup>215</sup> Please explain to Mr Gadkari, Jaico Pub House, 125 Mahatma Gandhi Rd, Bombay 1. that their paperback SECRET INDIA interest is too late, that Hutchinsons on the same date as their letter to you decided to publish it, and also SECRET Egypt. Both will be released in July. This leaves A HERMIT IN THE HIMALAYAS as possibly of interest to India. If Mr Gadkari wants to paperback it, I suggest he write to Rider's and I will recommend to Riders (India and Southeast Asia) in that case.

(5) Yes I'll be very pleased to meet you in Europe, should you come thru in April, or earlier or later. Although I shall be inaccessible to mail from whatever quarter throughout Feb {illegible}<sup>216</sup> I shall send you an address fairly early in March.

(6) I am sorry about Fred Wagner's illness. Please send me his address. It might be useful to have the latest addresses of Hesper and Ted too, and Tony's

[May 1964 be fruitful for your quest!

With peace and affection]



**L41.293**

293 -294

Handwritten letter from PB to Kenneth

Bombay

27 February 64

Your letter of Jan 23, dear Kenneth---

(1) If you intend coming to Europe last week April, I should be able to meet you there, somewhere, but it will probably be Eastern, Central or Southern Europe. I shall welcome the chance to talk with you—it's necessary.

(2) Owing to uncertainty of next few weeks, you had better use the c/o National and Grindlays Ltd 54 Parliament St, S.W.1. address. It's always safe, and altho' they are keeping mail just at present, it will reach me more quickly from them as soon as I have a receiving station.

(3) You may, if the time is found, give an interview to Edmund C. LUESCHER, 211 WEST 106th St, New York 25. He's written 2 or 3 times in several years, & a chat with you might help. R19-0319

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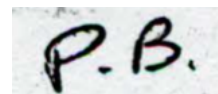
<sup>216</sup> Some letters may be whited out. Only "ssi" is visible in the original.

(4) Despite hostility, I had to come here on important business. India is still significant to me, but of course not in the way it used to be.

(5) When you leave the states for the April trip please bring me not more than 50 blades (not 50 packets!) for ENDERS SAFETY RAZOR, sold at good drug stores.  
(b) a sample pen DUETTE-plastic 2-color ballpoint (it's cheap probably 50¢) made by J.V. Palmer Pen Co. 200 West 34 Street New York, to try out.

(6) I wrote Jacques but had to cancel our meeting. I have not written the others whose addresses you sent yet, but give them my affectionate greetings when you can.

Peace!



**L41.295**

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Duplicate of L41.293

**L41.297**

297 - 300

Handwritten letter from PB to Kenneth

17 March 64

I wrote you from India some weeks ago, dear Kenneth---

and have now arrived in Europe. The death of the King of Greece, who was buried a couple of days ago, has caused a re-arrangement of my movements, and I have come prematurely to Greece.

How long I will have to remain here is not known. Where I shall be at the end-week of next month when you are due to finish travel in Europe, is also not known.

So we have to leave matters like that and I'll arrange to cable you, either c/o Mother in London if you go there first, or in South Africa, if you are able to send a reliable address for say mid April, or a little later in Europe if you have to go on the Continent first.

If you write me within a couple of days of receiving this Card, you may safely use the following address:

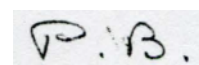
c/o WAGONS-LITS/COOK Co.

6 PHILHELLINON Street, Athens, Greece.

it will be valid until March 31st.

But after that date, please use "c/o National and Grindlays Ltd, 13 St. James's Square" London, S.W.1" (note their change of address) who will have to forward your letter to me somewhere on the Continent. If you have any Xmas greeting mail left, please forward it. All is well.

Peace & affection



Your Easter Sunday, April 12, and March 23 and 15 of {March} letters were welcomed, dear Kenneth ---

(1) Yes, please continue to forward the Box Mail c/o London as that is the only stable address I have now.

(2) It is quite convenient to meet you in September if you come for Frankfurt fair (incidentally what date is latter?) I shall be available until the 1st November; after that date I may vanish for a few weeks and reappear again in Europe or go to USA. I shall be very glad if you can spend a week's vacation with you somewhere here. (most probably I shall be in England in September so it would be two weeks!)

(4) I'm pleased {illegible} and you have found it worth meeting again. As he is coming to Switzerland close to the time I'll be there I've written him today agreeing to a talk there, or elsewhere. If you are not coming here before him, kindly ask him to bring the Enders razor blades as they are unprocurable here. Thanks.

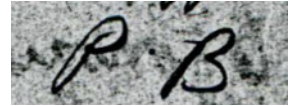
(5) Keep all printed books and magazines for the present in nyc - unless there is something very special you want me to see.

(6) I have posted you today a book " The Reality of Religion" by bookpost to your office address marked "personal," I have carried it around since leaving Bombay, not having had time to read it, so I decided to {illegible} it off today. It's by an amateur actor, but quite good style, readable, plain. He is Private Secretary to the Governor of Bombay (Mrs Pandit, who is I think is Nehru's sister. He entertained me to dinner one night. The book was printed in Madras and published at his own expense mainly. He asked me to find an American publisher for it, who could also have English and {rest} of world rights except India. Ganesh his publisher there, has agreed to this, please do what is possible either through a literary agent to save your time, or otherwise. If no publisher for it turns up, what do you think of getting Weiser to handle the few hundred vols. in sheet form, which lie in Madras moving too slowly?

(7) Thank you indeed for your generous offer of money to help. But until I get to England early August, I don't know what my financial condition really is. So I can't answer you now. Let it wait. Also I'd like to discuss your own financial investments or deposits when we meet as I have learnt a bit more about this unfamiliar field since we last met. (8) Gayatri Devi sent me a {illegible} card. (9) I shall look out for {Heurt's} book on Yoga in England: don't know it. (10) Have read Romaine's possessive letter to you of March 10th: am glad all has become quiet on the East-West front. Keep it so by keeping away from the asram until they are all really above it!

(11)<sup>217</sup> I look forward to our next meeting.

With Peace and Affection



**L41.305**

305 - 306

Letter from Kenneth T. Hurst to The Postmaster  
June 29, 1964

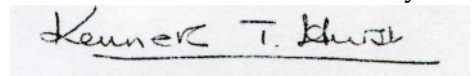
The Postmaster,  
Times Square Station,  
New York 36, N.Y. 10036  
attn: "ENQUIRY SECTION"

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is check for \$18.00 for box rent for Box 339 (DR PAUL BRUNTON)  
for the period July 1 1964 to June 30 1965.

Please leave receipt in Box 339. Make receipt to P. Brunton.

Thank you,



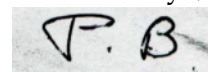
**L41.307**

307 - 308

Handwritten letter from PB  
Den Haag, Holland.  
July 11th

- 1) Yes, August 3-10 visit O.K. Probably in England which not yet reached.
- 2) No readers Turkey: but I may be able to give you one if we meet before you go there, don't know at moment.
- 3) Thanks for blades & pen via luescher.
- 4) Your letter June 27 latest received (yesterday)
- 5) Have seen Arthur, Evangeline & Mother but not Jacques – may meet latter Paris this month
- 6) All well, busy. So look forward early meeting with you, most likely in England.

Always,



**L41.309**

309 - 310

Handwritten letter from PB to Kenneth  
Paris



1 August

Your letters July 12 and 21 came in together, delayed on British Postal Strike, dear Kenneth -

Yes any time will be convenient for me provided you let me know a few days in advance so that I should not be away when you arrive. I leave for London August 6th, shall be at Royal Court Hotel, Sloane Square until morning of August 9th. After that my residence will be uncertain, but I will ensure that Mother receives it in time to tell you, if I can't send it to you in time to reach before your departure.

I expect to remain in England for a couple of months although will have to make a couple of short brief trips to the Continent, but return London.

Anyway I'll keep both August 13 weekend and October 5 - 10 free for you. Meanwhile until you inform me otherwise

Have<sup>218</sup> seen Jacques and Di fortunately not the argumentative and {illegible} sceptical self. Jacques is in Cannes now for his month holiday.

Yes Mother may know I am coming to London, and it is a kindly good idea for you to stay with both. Yes Luescher could be {listed} with Box Mail, although he told me he wants book for job outside nyc and live elsewhere, {illegible} racial attacks have frightened him away from the district he lives in near Harlem<sup>219</sup>

With Peace and Affection<sup>220</sup>



**L41.311**

311 - 312

Handwritten letter from PB to Kenneth  
August 12/64

Your letters August 3 & 4, dear Kenneth---

Shall keep week Sept 28/Oct 2 free for you.

Have phoned Mother, who says she'll phone me sometime next week to arrange a visit.

This Turkey-Cypress trouble makes your visit & work there more uncertain, I presume---

My residence and mail address is:<sup>221</sup>

Middleton Court  
15 Sloane Gardens  
London S.W.1.  
Phone Sloane 9506

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<sup>218</sup> Page 310

This page is partially a duplicate of previous page but contains some visible text not visible on the previous page scan.

<sup>219</sup> This paragraph was written on left side of page, full text compiled from both pages 309 and 310.

<sup>220</sup> Written at the top of page 309.

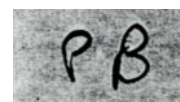
<sup>221</sup> PB inserted "and mail address" by hand.



There is nothing you need trouble over for me on your itinerary. I am grateful however.

I intend remaining at this address until October 8 at least.

All peace & affection



## L41.313

313 - 316

Handwritten letter from PB to Kenneth  
Middleton Court  
15 Sloane Gardens  
London<sup>222</sup> S.W.1.  
12-VIII-64

When your letter of August 4th was picked up today, dear Kenneth--

I walked to the nearest post office wrote & mailed you a reply.

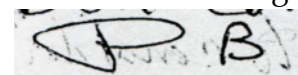
Since then I have had time to consider and there are a couple of jobs you could do, please.

FIRST Impossible to get broth or soup<sup>223</sup> powder here. Please send one jar by air direct to my residence (above) and one jar by sea mail. But if its packed in glass jars, transfer contents to tin, plastic bag, or something secure, as a jar sent to New Zealand arrived broken in pieces & it's not worth risking that again. If possible, get the salt free kind; if not, then salted will do

2nd I want {to}<sup>224</sup> write Janina but not to let her know I'm in England. So I shall compose a letter for her and mail it to you tomorrow morning, for you to post in Turkey. (USA, Belgium & Germany won't do)

3rd Phone Dr Herbert A. B. VAIL, 66 West 77th Street New York 27, to ascertain, if he, or anyone else, is likely to visit<sup>225</sup> Czechoslovakia<sup>226</sup> during the next few months, who could be entrusted to<sup>227</sup> deliver a letter to his friend Dr OTAKAR MIKES, of Prague, whose address I do not have, and to whom I don't want to write by post. Thanks

Bon Courage



## L41.317

317 - 318

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<sup>222</sup> The address is found on the envelope.

<sup>223</sup> PB inserted "or soup" by hand.

<sup>224</sup> "to" inserted for readability.

<sup>225</sup> "TR4 4158" written at the bottom of this page.

<sup>226</sup> Page 315

"Czecho-" on previous page, "slovakia" starts this page.

<sup>227</sup> PB inserted "be entrusted to" by hand.

Handwritten letter from PB to Kenneth  
15 Sloane Gardens,  
London S.W.1<sup>228</sup>  
13 August /64

Yesterday I wrote you, dear Kenneth---

and here is the letter, to post in Turkey, mentioned therein. Thanks (2) If Dr Vail, or his friends, are not going to visit Czechoslovakia during next 3-5 months, could he, when next writing his friend Dr MIKES there, send a cancellation of the Box 339 NYC address for PB (mentioning only my initials) and replacing it by c/o Grindlays Ltd (sic!)?

(3) It now seems that I may have to take advantage of your generous offer, financially, which we were to discuss in England, so I prepare you for it, as the necessary documents should be with you when we meet Sept/Oct in London. But take no action now, as I have to inform you of the best procedure, and also the amount, which will be less than you offered me. Grateful thanks.

(4) Jacques offered help in Paris but I could not bring myself to accept.

(5) Am meeting Mother to spend the day after tomorrow at Enfield. She has your letter today.

Bon Courage



**L41.319**

319 - 320

Handwritten letter from PB to Kenneth  
c/o American Express. P.O. Box 671, Athens, Greece  
Dec 30<sup>229</sup>

The acknowledges receipts as follows, dear Kenneth---

Letters<sup>230</sup> - Nov 3, Dec 20, Jan 4 & 23, Feb 16: Cards - Oct 12 & 15, Xmas: {illegible} - Can Broth, Diary & Pannikar's "India". Thanks for all these

1) In London I moved to a room at half the rent, yet in good street, but the money saved went towards surprise British tax demand, which I have contested. Anyway the cash was used up very handily. 2) The coming of Labor Party on UK scene was a sign of £'s possible shakiness, and your transfer of sterling is well advised. However a banker in Switzerland told me that devaluation would affect all other currencies too, including dollar! Anyway I cashed your cheques into Swiss Francs, which seem as good as dollars, or better. Your enquiry about your own transfer here brought me following reliable information: (a) Foreigners are not allowed to invest in Swiss stocks & shares (b) They may put funds in banks but no interest in paid, while Sw. Bank Corp, demands 1/2 of 1% payment to them for this

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<sup>228</sup> PB inserted "Middleton Court, Residence but reply to this particular letter to National Grindlays only, when you write later" by hand at the top of the page.

<sup>229</sup> "Dec 30" and "5 M" written in top right corner.

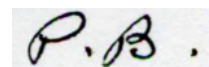
<sup>230</sup> Each of the dates in this list of letters and cards has a corresponding check marked by hand.

service. The largest bank is Swiss Credit Bank, NY branch at 25 Pine Street, who will accept deposits up to 20,000 fr. maximum from foreigners but govt takes 30% tax on the 2 1/2% interest paid; while a month's notice must be given to withdraw 3,000 fr max, or 3 months' notice to withdraw 10,000 fr. Further details {illegible} these "Deposit Booklets" get from New York branch, if this is of interest. 3) I saw Erna for tea & lunch in Switzerland; she was then quite recovered and perfectly behaved conversationally, so there was positive thinking again. She must be back in USA now, I suppose, and apparently business prospects were good; but she will probably meet you again. 4) Congratulations on Mensa! 5) I wondered if the RCA deal affected your work or improved your chances? 6) If you have any difficulty in transfer to Switzerland, should you wish it,<sup>231</sup> I am sure I could get it straightened out by the banker whom I know there: They are small bank, but oldest in the country. But of course interest terms are unattractive 7) I have not done anything yet about a possible visit to USA this year, but in two weeks' time I meet a US govt man who may help settle the doubt for me. 8) The broth was much nearer my requirement but still not the kind I once had. Anyway I could not use it easily now, so will defer the matter, as winter will soon be over. Thanks 9) Please drop the Dr Vail matter as I have been able to make more direct arrangements now. 10)<sup>232</sup> Jobs (a) write "National Self Defense Council, Washington DC," a commercial correspondence course firm for details of their "Kung-Fu" Chinese system like Judo (b) ask Sam Weiser for copy MIGUEL de MOLINOS "The Spiritual Guide" (out of print & unobtainable in {Athens}) item G 45 in Weiser's catalog. Paper back Carsun Chang's "Wang Yang Ming—Idealist Philosopher of China" pub 1962 NYC \$2.50. Thanks

11) Admittedly your work may seem insufficiently meaningful to your idealistic temperament. But it earns your living and develops your personality to Mensa level. What do you have in mind as more meaningful, and available?

12) It will be useful for us together<sup>233</sup> to sit in a deeper meditation than hitherto possible. I judge the time for that to be any time and any year after the next midsummer solstice. It may be a turning point; so any preparation you make meanwhile will be to your advantage 13) As I expect to remain in Greece including Mount Athos, which I am investigating<sup>234</sup> until the end of next month, despite possible internal upheavals threatening here, you may use the address at top for quicker service.

With peace & affection



**L41.321**

321 - 324

Letter to PB

1360 York Avenue (Apt. 2C) New York NY, 10021

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<sup>231</sup> PB inserted "should you wish it," by hand.

<sup>232</sup> Two handwritten check marks in margin accompany items "a" and "b".

<sup>233</sup> PB inserted "for us together" by hand.

<sup>234</sup> PB inserted "including Mount Athos, which I am investigating" by hand.

19 March 1965

Your March 5 letter was warmly appreciated, dear PB...

and read with much interest. It is always a momentous event to hear from you!

1. Among the receipts you do not list my mail forwarding of December 30?

2. Many thanks for Swiss bank data. I have contacted all various branches here. They all confirm. As you say, the interest terms and 30% tax plus month's notice make the idea unattractive. So I am giving up the idea for the present, and will maintain capital in dollars although diversify investments with assorted savings banks, treasury notes and savings bonds. The recent sterling and dollar crises seem to point out that no currency is safe, and that worldwide money is as sound as the {backing} behind the paper it is printed on. At the back of my mind is the realization that international financial collapses and depressions can be used to provide framework for needed lessons to mankind. Well....I suppose one can only practice non-attachment and hope for the best.

3. RCA deal not fully definite. Will take until October. It should improve both my professional and personal opportunities as they are internationally-minded. P-H president, Dr Newsom, is RCA director, and also progressive and world-minded. Merger should open up new horizons for PH with new coming inventions in electronic printing and communications.

4. Have ordered Weiser books and Judo-system data, and will forward<sup>235</sup> in near future. Am always glad to be of help.

5. Mount Athos sounds most interesting. I wonder if there was a connection with Byzantine monasteries I visited last August.

6. You are right about my work; it is closest I can come within commercial framework to idealistic approach. But, through rereading WOTO and thinking on it, I have become acutely conscious of the struggle between the ascending and descending arcs. We discussed this last October. My understanding of this evolutionary pattern manifesting itself in current happenings becomes deeper, and I yearn to play a role of service in helping humanity to tread the higher arc. If I and others who understand what is happening do not play an active part, are we not shirking our duty and living for ourselves alone? I have considered United Nations, or Government, or Ford Foundation type work...but discover they are full of bureaucratic red tape and politics. I would probably feel much more frustrated than at P-H!

So I have turned the problem over to the Higher Power in my prayers, offering and asking to be allowed to be of service, and to play my part in the current world crisis.

Since my August mission my contact with US/AID has strengthened, and I have now been appointed to a new Panel to advise the Government on its book programs for overseas. Since all this international service has come about resulting from my experience in India and Burma (and now T...) all of which stemmed from McG-Hill, I remember your statement that I would have an opportunity to do something worthwhile, and it all seems to be tied in with this, and seems to be growing.

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<sup>235</sup> "foreard" in the original.

7.<sup>236</sup> I spent an evening with Larry Frantz who is job hunting in NYC, and was able to be of some help to him. I sympathise as I remember my own trying time in 1953! He seems to have matured a little, but is still overly tense and aggressive; however he is above average. He seems to have no surface interest in Quest.

8. If Mohammed does not come to the mountain, then I hope I can see you in Europe later this year.

9. I am overjoyed about news of the deeper meditation. And, although I feel unworthy, am very humbly grateful. The news has had quite an impact on me! I shall try to prepare myself.

Please take care of yourself. My best thoughts are always with you. As I feel you with me now.

Please excuse typing errors; I am somewhat out of practice!

Accept my love and gratitude.

As always ...

P.S. One last word on service role: I often feel my life and work to date is a preparation for some constructive role, as did Churchill for his 1940-45 role. No doubt the unfolding will come at proper time; meantime I must continue preparing.

**L41.325**

325 - 328

Handwritten letter from PB to Kenneth  
c/o American Express P.O. Box 671, Athens Greece.  
5th April 65

Your letters 7 & 19 March, dear Kenneth---

1) I cannot, at this date, find whether your Dec 30 forwarding was received. The nearest known was Jan 4th. It may have been a printed material packet without a covering note, in which case I might have left it out. Anyway if you know what the missing letter contained please let me know. In future I'll keep a list to note each arrival, so that everything will be covered in my acknowledgments.

2) If the Molinos' 'Spiritual Guide' books has NOT<sup>237</sup> been found yet please drop it from my requirements, as I have found it. However if it has been delivered to you, and not yet mailed here, I suggest you keep it, study it, until you understand it well. Warning: what M calls 'meditation' is thinking, hence only an intermediate stage: while what he calls 'contemplation' is the absence of thots, hence the real thing, provided awareness of O/self fills the vacuum.

If it has already been mailed me, I'll send it back to you for your study.

3) P-H March Newsletter #15 'The 5 Steps to Success' are good. Are they original with you? (b): As salesmen tend to become (a) aggressive (b) egocentrics, it would be well to add a 6th step always—SERVICE, in Elbert Hubbard's use of the idea. This may help them spiritually, without their knowing it!

4) Your wish to be of more service personally is good but politics have

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<sup>236</sup> Page 323

<sup>237</sup> PB inserted "NOT" by hand.

become a rigid party machine crushing the individual, hence {illegible}. Service, United Nations work, block the way to real benefit, in most cases. They deal with symptoms; place all the emphasis there; and thus shirk the real cure—dealing with causes. Even Universities are just as bad, with ego friction in the faculties. For the present, leave the red tape institutions as a possibility, go on with your job, especially with the job of self improvement & enlightenment; & turn the problem to Higher Power as you are doing. The new book-advisory Panel is good as a further step. Always plug a spiritually correct book wherever you can (including a PB!!)

5) Larry's guest was always superficial & egoist, so it's not surprising if time has confirmed it. Do not get involved beyond what is necessary.

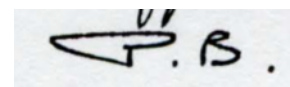
6) As things are now, I will remain here until first week of next month so you may use above address until then.

Now<sup>238</sup> for the big question. I intend to apply for a visa to visit USA this year. As far as I can see now I shall not visit North Europe (U.K., Holland, Paris etc) but only Yugoslavia Italy Switzerland Spain & board a Southern Route Ship to New York at Gibraltar. If all goes well this may be possible about 1st July-1st week August. If you have to come to Europe on business, is it at all possible for you to come earlier this year, and so join the ship with me at Gibraltar. There would thus be {a} chance to relax in holiday atmosphere for 8 or 9 days; we could share a cabin, and the meditation work could be carried out there without any work & meals distraction?

If July is impossible, could you do it in August? Failing that, September (the first half). I would not want to sail later than that.

Anyway please tell me what are your thoughts about the matter, and, the possibilities, since ship books have to be made as early as possible and I will not make mine until you have given an answer to this letter: it could be changed of course.

With Peace & Affection



**L41.329**

329 - 332

Handwritten letter from Kenneth to PB  
April 11, 1965

A letter from you, dear PB--

always has quite an effect, and reading it plunges me into meditation! Yours of the 5th, written 2 days after my birthday, contained a wonderful birthday gift! While normally it would have been difficult to visit Europe before the Frankfurt Book Fair in October, as I wrote you last week on April 4, I have (by coincidence!?) been asked to visit Morocco for 3 weeks in summer. And Morocco is only 8 miles from Gibraltar!! How things do work out! Even {illegible} so, as I explained in my letter the odds against my being able to accept were formidable, but they were

overcome! I am really delighted at the prospect of 8 or 9 days with you – away from distractions!

My Morocco trip is June 20 until July 10. Thereafter I had thought to visit Cairo and Beirut for a week on P-H business.<sup>239</sup> I will now visit Europe and London from my itinerary, and come back through the Mediterranean to meet you at Gibraltar on sailing date. I can always stop at Athens and Rome, or even go to Barcelona or Madrid, to conduct business for P-H, to fill the time before sailing date. Therefore, any sailing date between July 17 and 25 would be perfect for me – and this fits into your plans. I can take vacation time (up to 2 weeks) for the sea voyage, and can turn in the balance of my air ticket toward the cost of the sea trip. How wonderful it will be!<sup>240</sup>

A<sup>241</sup> few questions:

1) Have you considered using Erna's connection with the Italian line? They sail from Genoa, freighters, taking 10 days to New York. Advantage might be fewer passengers, better veg. meals on Italian ship, and possible discount for you?

2) In any case, will you make the bookings, or shall I? If you do, and make deposit, I would greatly appreciate it, if the sea voyage could be my treat, and would you allow me to send check for the balance of the fare from here

If you do make booking,<sup>242</sup> could you kindly ask if I can reroute my air ticket to include the sea voyage, and pay difference, at this end before leaving?

3. I will be honored to share cabin, but are you sure my snoring will not disturb you (as at Hesper's)?

I'll look forward to hearing from you. On other matters,

1) Shall I make hotel reservation in NYC for you once dates are set? World's Fair necessitates booking in advance. Pls. let me know your preferences.

2) I, too, will keep list of letters forwarded to be able to identify them in case of missing mail. Enclosed is the first for a {illegible}.

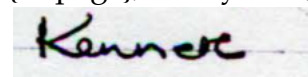
3) I bought a copy of Molinos for myself, and have here. I airmailed you the 2 books to Athens 10 days ago. So no need to return your extra copy. I read it lightly, but will study it carefully.

4) No, the "5 Steps to Success" were not original. I adapted from a sales magazine. Your suggestion is excellent, and I will inject concept of Service in later issues.

5) RCA deal is off. Please see clipping enclosed. It's {too} early to foretell effect on future of P-H at this point.

6) Will send you formal typed "invitation to USA" letter for Consul from office tomorrow.

End {of page}, all my love,



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<sup>239</sup> KTH inserted "on P-H business" by hand.

<sup>240</sup> KTH inserted "/ctd" by hand at bottom of page.

<sup>241</sup> Page 331

<sup>242</sup> KTH inserted "make booking," by hand.



**L41.333**

333 - 334

Letter from Kenneth Thurston Hurst to PB

April 12, 1965

Dr Paul Brunton  
c/o American Express  
P.O. Box 671  
Athens, Greece

My dear PB:

It is a pleasure to confirm our invitation to you to visit the U.S.A. for six or seven months this year at your convenience.

Naturally, you will be our guest throughout your entire stay in the States.

Please let me know if there is anything further we can do from this end. Should you need any references, etc., for obtaining your visa, we would be delighted to provide them.

With best personal regards,

Most sincerely,  
Kenneth Thurston Hurst  
Vice President and General Manager

KTH/ajg

**L41.335**

335 - 336

Letter from PB to Kenneth

c/o American Express, P.O. Box 671, Athens, Greece.

16<sup>243</sup> April 65

Your December 29th mailing previously reported undelivered, dear Kenneth...

came in an hour after the report! It was held all this time by Americ Express in Zurich. Inefficiency again but Thos Cooks were worse. Same delivery came the 2 books Wang Yang-ming & Molinos. Last is an edition I did not know so shall keep for awhile before giving it back to you. Thanks for these interesting productions. There also came P-H Annual Report, a success story. I detected your photo on p 13. and glad you had the Positive Thinker smile! Yes, Molinos is old pal

You should now have my reply to your 19 March letter, with my suggestion for a joint sea voyage from Europe to New York. Since then your April 4 letter has come in, giving the news about Morocco Mission. As a recognition of your abilities I presume it raised your stock with the president. The dates you give fit in well with my own schedule. I do not know how long you allow for the possible Cairo-London visit after the July 10 termination in Morocco, but my own dates are: I must stay in Europe until about July 18th, thereafter I am free to go to USA or stay on.

If my proposal is convenient and agreeable, and if your firm permits, then, depending on the date you would be able to sail, I suggest you choose one of the

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<sup>243</sup> Date taken from page 337 which is a duplicate that shows a legible date.



following ships&

18 July<sup>244</sup> from Gibraltar, also Lisbon, SS "CRISTOFORO Colombo" 29,000 ton also stops at Venice, Naples

22 July ss "LEONARDO da Vinci" from Gib. also stops 21st at Barcelona

29<sup>245</sup> July "Michael Angelo" from Gib stops at Cannes

All these are "Italian Line" ships, chosen because of the diet problem Michael Angelo is a perfectly new ship, Cristoforo Col is luxurious but not so new, Leonardo is older. All start from Genoa and have 3 classes, 1st, 2nd, 3rd (Tourist) 2nd is called "Cabin" class. The 1st class is too costly, the 2nd is excellent, Tourist is somewhat democratic! But I'd go by any one of the last two, privacy of cabin is essential, though. Italian Line has another perfectly new ship the RAFFAELLO but it leaves 9th July which is impossible for me to accept, otherwise it would have been obvious choice!


I suppose the shipline requires a 10% deposit to make reservation, but I know these ships are filling very rapidly, so decisions must be taken soon. I suggest we share a cabin between us, no other passenger. The journey to New York by Southern Route takes about 7 days.

If it is possible for you to decide at this early date, and have no alternative suggestions, then either you make the booking in the Line's New York office or I can make it here. Let me have your reply as soon as poss. and if you want me to book, send a cable.

My stay in Athens is being extended: I plan to leave 15th May, so can receive mail directly here until then.

I shall apply for a US Tourist-Visitors visa next week.

[With Peace & Affection



P.S. If you wish, you may investigate "HOME" Lines SS "Oceanic" but learn (1) What nationality {illegible}<sup>246</sup> (2) Is the new ship really new or an old one bought {in} & repainted etc?

**L41.337**

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**L41.339**

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Letter from PB to Kenneth

c/o American Express, P.O. Box 671, Athens, Greece

16 April 65

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<sup>244</sup> "July 18" is circled by hand.

<sup>245</sup> "29" is circled by hand.

<sup>246</sup> PB inserted this illegible word by hand.

I wrote you several hours earlier today; dear Kenneth...

...but on perusing the carbon copy I discovered an error. Paragraph 2: I am free to depart on June 18th, i.e. one month earlier than stated.

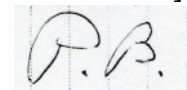
If therefore your visit to Europe terminated with Morocco Mission, and if it could terminate one day earlier, we could then go from Gibraltar on the RAFFAELLO, which sails from there 9th July. If however you have to stay for the Cairo Beirut etc trip, it might still be possible to go on this same ship when it makes its next westward trip, but I am unable to find out what date that will be. In the Italian Line's much larger office at NYC such information would be more easily available. In any case, choice of ship remains yours.

2) If you are unable to accept the ship proposal in any form, and have to return by plane, I would then stay in Europe until about mid August, and sail then by ship for NYC alone. I am not able to go by plane on this trip: Gibraltar, being across the street from Morocco, would be convenient for you if PH do not send you on the Cairo trip.

You perhaps know that the Southern Route from Mediterranean across Atlantic is much freer from stormy weather than the Northern route from England. We have had a number of earthquakes in Greece, but in Athens only very mild ones, enough however to shake doors and dislodge pictures and send me quickly outdoors! There is however another and entirely different menace, at which I hinted<sup>247</sup> in my first letter from here so I shall not be sorry when I disembark by ship at Trieste, on Yugoslav border, middle of next month.

I agree that international prospects are not as bright as they were when I saw you last in Auckland: the world is moving back again to more critical times; so the inner spiritual refuge must remain our constant stand-by

[With Peace & Affection]



**L41.341**

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Letter from Alice J. Garabedian<sup>248</sup>

Prentice-Hall, Inc. Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, 07632. 70 Fifth Avenue,  
New York N.Y., 10011<sup>249</sup>

April 21, 1965

Manager  
Cabin Class Reservations  
Italian Line  
1 Whitehall Street  
New York, New York

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<sup>247</sup> Page 339

<sup>248</sup> "Mr Hurst" is handwritten in the top right corner.

<sup>249</sup> Address appears in the letterhead.

Dear Sir:

This is to confirm our telephone conversation yesterday regarding a reservation for Cabin 414, "A" Deck on the Leonardo da Vinci sailing from Gibraltar to New York on July 22, 1965 in the names of Dr Paul Brunton and Mr Kenneth Thurston Hurst.

As you informed me, the fare per person is \$384.00 – total \$768.00.

.....Enclosed please find check No. 085 on First National City Bank in the amount of \$200.00 as a deposit on Cabin 414.

The balance of \$568.00 will be paid in accordance with instructions from you.

We look forward to receiving firm confirmation of the reservations, and thank you very much in advance for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Alice J. Garabedian  
Secretary to Kenneth Thurston Hurst  
Vice President and General Manager

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## L41.343

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Letter from PB to Kenneth  
c/o American Express, {P} Box 671, Athens<sup>250</sup>  
22 April 65

Your cable of the 20th; dear Kenneth...

(1) A British official here advised me cut out Gibraltar embarkation in view Spanish Gvt. harassment British citizens entering there, causing delays from one hour to 3 days at whim minutely searching bags, and other troubles. As LEONARDO DA VINCI stops at Barcelona, on the 21st July, please alter embarkation to that place and date. (2) I don't know whence I shall start for Spain but on conclusion your Cairo-Beirut job, 17th July we could meet in Madrid, where I expect to arrive on the 16th July. My business would last a couple of days for a few hours each day, so we could have a few hours together there each day. I would go by train to Barcelona, arriving late 19th. to sail on 21st. and if this suits your program, we could travel there together. Alternatively, it is just as convenient for me to arrive Madrid 15th July, if you needed a couple of days in Barcelona. (3) You probably know that both Cairo and Beirut turn back any entrant whose visa application or plane entry form shows answer stating he is of Hebrew race or religion. Hottentots are allowed, not Hebrews! (4) I presume you have received my two letters dated 16th April but your cable re da Vinci booking settles that matter quite well.<sup>251</sup>

(5)<sup>252</sup> I learnt that Raffaello trip was 29 July but as its only stop is Gibraltar,<sup>253</sup>

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<sup>250</sup> "Hotel Gran Bretagne Henes" appears in the letterhead.

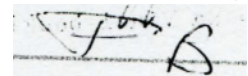
<sup>251</sup> PB inserted "page (3)" by hand at the bottom of the page.

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it {would} be useless. Barcelona or Lisbon are the only ports worth considering. (6) I do not wish to consider the Erna's freighter idea for various reasons (7) The question of hotel in NYC reservation must be left for my next letter as I have not {had} time to consider it. (8) Your letter of April 11th received, {and} I note you can take 2 weeks' vacation maximum. If you wished {we} could take a few days in Southern France but that would {mean} changing to a later ship if you are to do the Cairo-Beirut job. The MICHAEL ANGELO stops at Cannes, in south France about 27 or 28 July, and it is a far superior ship, as well as {or} and new, but it could well {be} completely booked up. I would be quite agreeable to double back from Madrid or Barcelona {with} you to Cannes, if the ship does not also stop at Barcelona, which I doubt but don't know. My Madrid visiting {date is perfectly} flexible to suit my convenience.

In any case final decisions remain with you, and I will accommodate to them. Also I would be willing to do the Madrid to-and-fro trip by air, if we left from Cannes. (9) Thank you very much for making the bookings, which are much more easily done at your end. There is no disturbance in sharing the cabin, so forget the thot. I get snoring at several hotels I stay at and have developed immunity to it! (1) Thank you for the visa recommendation-invitation letter, too. I have not yet applied, but will do so next week. (11) Kindly excuse the condition of this letter, which is being written under time pressure.

[With Peace & Affection]



**L41.347**

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Letter from Kenneth to PB

1360 York Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10021.

April 24, 1965

Your two letters of April 16, dear PB...

were indeed welcome. I'm glad the December 29 mail finally arrived. Upon checking Italian Line here, maiden voyage of RAFFAELLO has been postponed until August, otherwise, as you said, it would have been obvious choice! But, no firm dates set for it, or for MICHAEL ANGELO, whose maiden trip has also been postponed. Neither is yet ready! LEONARDO DA VINCI is flagship of line (therefore presumably affords better service) and was reconditioned last year and reportedly in good shape. I was able to secure the very last private cabin for the July 22 sailing from Gibraltar. It is cabin class, cabin no. 414 on "A" Deck. I made deposits and cabled you accordingly last Tuesday, April 20. The Italian Line has both our names. I shall pay them balance of dual fare upon receiving confirmation from you that the booking is satisfactory to you—and would appreciate being allowed to make this my treat.

Your two letters arrived last Monday evening when I was feeling strained from overwork, and exhausted from two blood tests that day for suspected diabetes

(final results were negative, I do not have diabetes!) and under street of having to pack and prepare for 2-day Washington trip next day. But, as usual, your letters revived my spirits and once more put me in tune with the infinite—so the timing was grateful.

I will be free from Morocco mission July 10. I will omit Cairo visit because of foreign exchange shortages there and economic problems, and tentatively go straight to Beirut until July 15; then to Athens July 16-22. And then to Gib and the ship. In Athens I will investigate the book trade, mostly booksellers. I wonder if you could please recommend quiet clean hotel and any veg restaurants? Naturally, if I can do anything for you while there, I should of course be happy to do so.

The LEONARDO arrives NYC July 27. Shall I make hotel reservation NYC for you? I will take vacation time to cover voyage and July 28, 29, 30, returning to office August 2. Thus, I will be able to help you settle in upon arrival NYC.

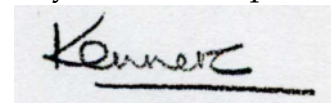
Erna writes she returns USA late May. I shall not tell her about our rendezvous.

PH president, Caroll Newsom resigned this week because of failure of RCA deal. This is loss to PH, and I fear the company's future will suffer. He was progressive and far-sighted; now the old guard takes over again, and they are not planning for the longterm future.

I am really looking forward very much to our sea trip in every way. It was a wonderful idea of yours!

Please take care of yourself in Athens. My best thoughts are with you.

With my love and respects,



**L41.349**

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Incomplete letter to PB

1360 York Avenue, Apt. 2-C, New York City, N.Y. 10021

May 3, 1965, Saturday

Your April 22 letter arrived last Monday, dear PB...

and on Wednesday, April 28 I cabled you as follows:

AMEXCO ATHENS PAUL BRUNTON RELET APRIL 22 HAVE  
TRANSFERRED BOOKING RAFAELO MAIDEN TRIP SAILING CANNES JULY 25  
DETAILED LETTER FOLLOWS HURST

I'm beginning to wonder about reliability of Italian Line info as previously they said Rafaelo would not sail until August! But they swear now that maiden voyage starts July 25 from Genoa, calling at Cannes the same day.

Thus, we eliminate Gibraltar harassment problems. MICHAEL ANGELO is completely booked up and dates seem uncertain. RAFAELO is brand new ship, and I regard its name as good and appropriate omen! We have a private cabin (cabin class) number M123 (also a good number!). It is an outside cabin (freshair portholds) on main deck with two bunks, upper and lower.

2. Your suggestion of joint vacation in Cannes in wonderful idea! I would

love it.

3. As another PH man will be soon visiting Barcelona and Madrid, I have no business need or excuse to go to Spain. So much as I would love to be there at same time as you, and have a few hours together each day, it is difficult for me to arrange or justify. Would you mind if I met you directly at Cannes? Our few days holiday there would compensate for Spain.

4. It is worthwhile for business for me to visit Beirut and Athens, to follow up on correspondence with booksellers in both places. Thus, my proposed itinerary is:

June 20 - July 10 -- Morocco

July 11 - July 15 -- Beirut

July 16 - July 20 -- Athens

July 21 - July 20 -- Cannes (meeting PB in Cannes on July 21 midday)

July 25 Sail Rafaelo

As your letters from Athens take only 4 days to arrive, could you kindly drop me a note and let me know if above arrangements meet with your approval? I shall withhold final payment to Italian Line, and finalization of itinerary until I hear from you.

5. As I do not know Cannes, would you prefer to make hotel booking there? Or, alternatively advise me your wishes, and I will make from here.

6. I am polishing up my French four nights a week (2 1/2 hours a night) at Berlitz at Prentice-Hall expense. So I hope it will be serviceable in Cannes!

7. Yes, I know about Beirut prejudice. Fortunately, I was baptized Church of England!

8. You've no idea how much I'm looking forward to being with you. Just writing you eases the pressure of events, and the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune. As Wordsworth said: "The world is too much with us; late too soon, getting and spending, we lay waste our powers." So, apart from the human pleasure, it will be like a spiritual retreat to be in your company, and to refresh my wellsprings.

I send all my love, and joyously await your confirmation of above.

**L41.351**

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Handwritten letter from Kenneth to PB

Sunday, May 16, 1960

Your letters of May 8 and 12, dear PB----

were warmly welcomed. I particularly appreciate all the helpful data on Athens. I shall put it to good use and am grateful for your thoughtfulness.

1) Despite the obvious lure of staying in "Nirvana," I have chosen the {Acropole} Palace. P-H is paying the bill, and I will probably have many phone calls, and need to impress local booksellers! But I am glad to know of "Nirvana" and would use it if I visit Athens on my own account. I am wiring them and Acropole this weekend.

2) I am finalising my itinerary as I gave you in my May 3 letter—and will supply hotel addresses as soon as confirmed. It appears I will have to pass thru Madrid for one night on July 10 as there is no direct air route from Casablanca to Beirut! But I'll arrive at 10pm and leave next morning.

3) Either Nice or Cannes would be delightful. I know nothing of either place, so am happy to leave the arrangements to you. Apparently the airport is at Nice, and I arrive there from Athens around midday on July 21. Thank you for making the arrangements.

4) Your itinerary noted, and I will use Zurich address until we meet.

5) Thank you very much for veg diet, police (!), shop hours, and other data. This is very useful indeed.

6) I will now research suitable NYC hotel for you, and advise you.

7) I suppose by "Francophonism" Clark means "french-speaking." I told him it was merely high school level, but he then recommended Berlitz school. Presumably other candidates had no knowledge of French at all.

8)<sup>254</sup> Xmas card from "Mr & Mrs Myron B. Franz" I suspect is from Mike and Jane. Is Mike's formal name, "Myron?" I will enquire from Dan next writing.

9) I will be away in Washington May 29-June 6 at the International Publishers Congress. 300 publishers are coming from overseas, plus 300 from USA.

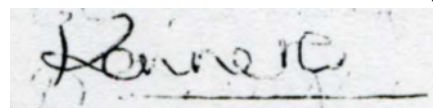
10) As the carbon copy of this letter is black and easier to read, I will send it, and retain original as my copy!

11) Have not heard from Hesper since their return.

12) Rafaelo booking is firm. Cabin M123. I am greatly looking forward to our sea trip. It arrives NYC August 2, and I will take remainder of that week as my second week vacation, returning to office August 8.

So, for now, again I send all my love.

As ever,



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**L41.359**

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Handwritten letter from PB

Den Haag, Holland.

July 11th

1) Yes, August 3-10 visit O.K. Probably in England which not yet reached.

2) No readers Turkey: but I may be able to give you one if we meet before you go there, don't know at moment.

3) Thanks for blades & pen via luescher.

4) Your letter June 27 latest received (yesterday)

5) Have seen Arthur, Evangeline & Mother but not<sup>255</sup> Jacques—may meet

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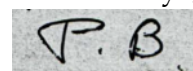
<sup>255</sup> PB inserted "not" by hand.



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6) All well, busy. So look forward early meeting with you, most likely in England.

Always,



**L41.361**

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Letter from PB to Kenneth  
c/o Van Dam, 580 Summit Springs Rd. Woodside, California  
13 Dec 65

Your letters of 28 & 30 Nov, 8 Dec; with forwarded mail; dear Kenneth ...

(1) Please open the packet from M. Harrison, and inform me about contents but hold them there. (2) Please write Dan (I don't want to give him the postmark address here in case he gets an 'intuition' that I sent him a message to come here!) informing him I have asked you to tell him that I expect to arrive between the 6th and 10th January in Los Angeles; exact date will not be known to me until about ready to come so I must leave it like that at present. Anyway he will be the first person I intend to meet. If he can, let him suggest a hotel where I can get a studio-style single room, with bath, not expensive but also not out of keeping with my mission. (3) Your billfold was received: thanks, but I will keep it for you as I don't find it convenient, and have got something else (4) Please do me the favour of returning the book "Long Pilgrimage" to Hesper, I posted it to you today. However, there are several passages in it that I want to keep for future reference, so have marked them lightly with a pencil dot to indicate first line and another dot below it to indicate the finish-line. The list of page numbers is enclosed; perhaps you can get your secretary to do the copying? in her spare time (5) The Dr Stephenson matter: He is head of a small group of occult students which meets weekly; it's an outgrowth of the Alice Bailey-theosophical type of study. Such cults usually add gossip to their studies! Anyway, I heard his secretary whisper to him, on my 2nd visit, don't forget to get the background history. I thought she meant 'medical' history but it turned out to be an investigation from birth onwards into matters quite unconnected with my health. It took me a little time to realize what was happening, upon which I refused to go into these matters. Very private questions, such as how many times, to whom, what was her background, etc In that way he got the name 'Hurst' out of me as the one from which the change was made. He also knows that you introduced me to him. So when you go for your vaccine shots he will probably try to question you closely. (I had been asked what my son was engaged in, where he lived, etc.) Please be on your guard and from the beginning discourage private life questions, and especially any about me. I did not say that you were my son, but he is able to put 2&2

But<sup>256</sup> as I do not know whether he, or those with him, have any other objective than mere curiosity and gossip, I will not go to him again. I cannot trust a



medical man who used his position in such a way.

My health has steadily improved. But the occasional faintness reappears so I have to be careful and sleep sitting up!

The climate here is cold and wet, but some sunshine gets thru, and I look forward to Southern Calif.

You left a memoslip behind when I last met you, so it is enclosed.

I hope Erna is not really coming in January with the belief that I will be in NYC; if so, and she returns to Italy after a few weeks she will miss me again. I shall apply next month for an extension of visa until March 31st which means I probably return to Nyc early March. I hope you are not away then, or that you will be in Europe where we can meet if you are.

Thank you for all the help in various ways

[With peace, affection, and the wish that you have some more glimpses into the Overself, and closer feeling of it, for 1966.]

