

Kenneth Hurst Letters 1966-1971

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 1966 to 1971.

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. Anything in this file which is handwritten is inside [square brackets.]

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

L42.001

1 – 4

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
Zurich, Switzerland
February 28, 1966

[c/o American Express Co. Postbox 671, Athens Greece

Dear Kenneth,

I am writing under difficulties so excuse paper. I came to the airport an hour before {exit} time and went to the dining room for lunch. The plane was to leave at 2 pm, so just before that time, as no call had been made for passengers to assemble, I went out to investigate. I discovered the plane was about to leave and the gangway

was up. SwissAir explained that contrary to British & American custom, passengers in the dining room are NOT called!!

So I have to take the Olympic line plane tomorrow; have parked my cabin things in a locker at the RR station in town and write this in the waiting room.

Now enclosed are two forms concerning your investment I handed the money to Bank¹ LEV, Bahnhofstrasse 32, Zurich. They strongly urged that, in your case, this (comparatively small)² amount should not be put in banks, but in Phillips, of Holland, whose share prices are already 500% above issued price. The Bank says with T.V. coming Phillips are likely to make a further spurt upward. So I agreed. They said the balance in September can then be put in banks. A little gamble (perhaps),³ but these shares still give about {54}% (dividend)⁴ and may rise in capital value. Under the complications of Swiss legal procedure, they insisted that as you live abroad, a Power of Attorney should⁵ be given to someone there in Switz., or someone who is often there, like PB. So PB agreed. Please sign pink sheet at bottom, insert my name under "Full Power of Attorney", put your own name again at top, & date at bottom. Then sign the white card at bottom, & fill in date at left. You will have 40 shares in Phillips.

Return both ~~sheets~~ papers to me (not to the Bank, to protect you) and I will send them to the bank. You will hear nothing farther but the papers & receipts can be collected when I am here again in July, or by yourself in September, or you can have them mailed on request to any address. The 1st procedure is the one I recommend.

I saw Erna. She was in a great quandary about her art career. She has decided to go to New York & turn the 20/30 busts there into cash. If you can possible do so, please introduce her to Charles Reti,⁶ the art gallery proprietor, perhaps he would help her dispose of some now and later. I think she is finally coming around to our view.

It was very good that we were able to meet in USA several times, & also that the Portuguese holiday may materialise. The notes on Portugal you gave promise a fair time, at {illegible}, just beyond {illegible}, there is a British colony, who have opened the first English pub in Portugal. So your beer is assured!

With Peace and Affection

P.B.

Power of Attorney is required in case of your death]⁷

L42.005

5 - 8

Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Paul Brunton
Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey
March 6, 1966

¹ Something marked out before "LEV"

² Written below the line and inserted with a caret

³ Written below the line and inserted with a caret

⁴ Written below the percentage

⁵ "shd" in original

⁶ PB spelled this Reti, but Kenneth's letter in response spelled it Rethi.

⁷ Written sideways on the bottom right of paper

REGISTERED NO. [3933]

Value \$ Spec. del'y fee \$

Fee \$ [60] Ret. receipt fee \$

Surcharge \$ Rest. del'y fee \$

Postage \$ [45] Airmail⁸

FORT LEE

POSTMARK

MAR 8 1966

N.J.⁹

Postmaster, By {illegible}

From [K. T. Hurst

P. H.

Englewood Cliffs N.J.]

To [Dr Paul Brunton

c/o Am Express Box 671

Athens Greece]

POD Form 3806 - May 1964 e48-16-70493-6

March 6, 1966

Your letter of February 28, dear P.B. - from the railway station at Zurich was very welcome. Your experience with Swissair is good of us all to remember!

1. Thank you very much for the Leu forms. I return them signed as requested. Phillips is indeed a good stock, and with advent of colour TV into Europe should rise in value. Thank you very much for taking all this trouble for me.

2. I will be glad to introduce Erna to Charles Rethi. A good idea, as he is sympathetic.

3. Before returning the Orthodox magazines, I noticed you had marked quotes from the Father John article. So I typed them and enclose them. Have sent back the mags to California.

4. I returned the \$2000 check to Williamsburgh Savings Bank, and they have re-deposited it in my account.

⁸ Box checked beside this

⁹ Circular stamp

5. ~~I will hold this letter until Wednesday night when I go to empty the box, so I can register~~ I will post this letter tomorrow registered (Leu forms) and then empty the box on Wednesday night, and then forward the mail.

6. Your London address labels arrived. They look very {illegible}¹⁰ and with England in caps. I shall enclose some in each mailing.

7. Edmund phoned. He consulted a doctor who reported that his heart pains were not serious.

8. Am having difficulties at office, but am trying to learn from them.

I miss you and send all my love.

[Kenneth]

L42.009

9 - 12

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
c/o AMERICAN EXPRESS, P.O. Box 671, Athens, Greece
March 24, 1966

Your letters Feb 27, March 6 & 12, dear Kenneth . . .

Thank you for offering to make the Portuguese bookings, as it is actually easier from NYC to get information than here. So:-Yes Sept 28 thru Oct 8 will be quite convenient (b) Whether to stay in Lisbon and commute to Estoril? Yes, stay in [LISBON] so that I can collect as much general¹¹ information as I may need. But I want to visit other places in the South and nearby, so we may make a couple (at the most) of one-night visits from our Lisbon¹² base. Both Estoril and Cascais, which is a little farther, can be reached in an hour or so by train, but Algarve in the South will be the one -night trip, also Sesimbra, 20 miles south. ~~I enclose advts in case useful but better~~ There¹³ is probably a Portuguese Govt Tourist Bureau in NYC, who can ~~more fully~~ advise. I leave you to make choice after getting info. We shall probably have to have a Breakfast only arrangement so as to feel free to move around, I have addresses of Vegetarian Pensions but my experience is that they lack the comforts and arrangements we are used to: so we could visit them for meals only. There are also a couple of vegetarian restaurants, in Lisbon. (c(Txxx¹⁴

(2) I mailed the Philips documents to Bank Leu & Co, Bahnhofstrasse 32, Zurich who will hold the shares for you and receive dividends

(3) We shall have plenty of time for you to visit your Portug. publishers—as many as you wish, for they will serve a double purpose of providing info too!

¹⁰ Illegible due to hole punched in paper

¹¹ Typed above line and inserted with a caret

¹² Typed above line and inserted with a caret

¹³ "there" in original

¹⁴ In original

(4) Yes I wanted the magazine excerpts on Father John. Thanks for typing them, but carbon not necessary on Book Notes.

(5) My health has steadily improved, the symptoms have gone, but on Saturday I go into hospital again for the final tests. The artery surgeon and the liver specialist have found my case somewhat puzzling but this week's¹⁵ tests and Xrays will finally determine the diagnosis. I have already arranged for my stay there, veg diet, my own Chinatea etc!

(6) Please give my kindest remembrances to Edmund. All went well in ch¹⁶ Zurich, my stay at Baur au Lac was very comfortable. Erna came by afternoon train and left by the night one I believe she found her visit helpful and happy: she may be on her way to NYC now

(7) The London address labels are excellent. Perhaps you can have some done c/o American Express, which I could use for various cities if street and town omitted. Thanks. I like the new P-H letterhead – very impressive (8) Do you think you will want and have time to see Bernard? If so, do you want his address I have only a postbox one. I believe he lives 30/40 miles from Rio. [OVER]¹⁷

[With Peace & Affection
PB]

PS A pocket Portuguese Phrasebook & Dictionary will be essential for Lisbon. But perhaps you will need them also for Rio. (If possible, inclusive of pronunciations

L42.013

13 - 14

Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Paul Brunton
Fort Lee, New Jersey
March 30, 1966

(1) Your letter of March 24, my dear P.B., was¹⁸ very welcome. Most important is the good news of your health improving (no doubt due to your own measures). I am very relieved to hear this, and will pass the news to Edmund when I meet him next week for dinner . . . together with your kindest remembrances. Please let me know results of final tests. I am glad you have organized the hospital so well!

(2) I am mailing you separately via airmail the box mail tomorrow. There is nothing urgent there. Plus some clippings of possible interest.

(3) Sidenote: Riley is fascinated by my typing and has climbed onto the desk for a closer view. He shows great interest in the keys flying up and down. Sometimes I think he is training to be a human in his next life! Oops, a key just accidentally hit him on the nose, his curiosity drew him too close. So now he has flown off in high dudgeon.

¹⁵ "weeks" in original

¹⁶ "ch" in original

¹⁷ Handwritten with line over top

¹⁸ "were" was x'd out and "was" was typed above the line.

(4) I have written Portuguese Travel Bureau in NYC twice during past month, but no reply! So on April 8 we have a holiday for Good Friday and I will go over in person and collect all data. A colleague at work has vacationed in Portugal. He recommends Cascais, and especially the Algave section as extremely delightful. Says many British and Germans live in Algave. But urges early reservations as hotels jammed in Sept/Oct. So I will make reservations after visiting Travel Bureau. He says Algave has sunny (but not humid) Mediterranean climate. He recommends Fenix Hotel in Lisbon as reasonable and quiet and small. It is near main plaza. I suppose I had better make the overnight visits to Algarve area at end of stay (to avoid double Lisbon hotel charge)!

(5) Thank you for mailing Philips papers to Zurich, and for clip on colour TV. The stock is quoted in NYC papers and hovers around \$33.

(6) The magazines I mailed to California to Mr.¹⁹ were returned "Not at this address". So I will hold them in case he writes and gives you a new address. Then I'll be glad to send them to him again.

(7) I'm happy you like the London labels. Your suggestion of blank AmerExpress ones is excellent, and I will order them.

(8) Yes, I will write Bernard that I'm going to Brazil, and ask if I can visit them. I have his postbox address only. Diana wrote she and Jacques are coming to NYC next month and will see me. I'll keep you informed.

(9) Have been unsuccessful in finding substitute so have to see Dr. S. on my April 8 day in NYC for the necessary for my trip. But I will be on guard and refuse to discuss Peter Brown—politely. My appointment is at 2pm.

(10) I had bad spell after you left—every thing went wrong and I was subject to depression and worry fits, and very irritable and out of sorts. But after good meditation last week it cleared up. Things are still going wrong—in and out of office—but I don't feel too worried, and am my usually more-or-less optimistic self. I'm trying to learn the lessons, as there must be a reason. Humility (the need for) seems to be a main one; sometimes my²⁰ ego becomes inflated with exuberance. I must learn to stand aside from it—in success and failure. Our chairman has cancelled all our plans for {illegible}²¹

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15 - 16

Letter from Kenneth Hurst
Fort Lee, New Jersey
{March 30, 1966}

¹⁹ Blank space here

²⁰ "I" changed to "my" with typeover

²¹ The bottom of the page is missing.

[To Athens on March 30, 1966
" " " April 18, 1966

April 18²² Dr. Yadač Antropius, Velflikova 12, Prague 6
Mrs. Robert Carlson, 11803 Turkey Run, Plymouth, Mich
150 W. Tulane Road, Columbus, Ohio
Roy Zeno, 8216 1/2 1st Street, Paramount, Calif.
2 Bank Statements

May 7 - Athens
" 22 - "

Nov 28 - Lugano]

L42.017

17 - 18
Letter from Paul Brunton
c/o American Express P. O. Box 671, Athens, Greece
April 20, 1966

There has been a strange healing: it began in the States and went on here, puzzling the surgeon. Anyway the result is I escaped the major operation and got off with minor but unpleasant surgery. All over now and I feel fairly well.

(1) The idea of visiting the Algarve district in Portugal after a week in the Lisbon etc area appeals: it's called the garden of portugal—fruits veges etc. on the coast south bet Lisbon and Gibraltar. Please consider whether it's best done by train, or to rent a car for 3/4 days. [Yes]²³ Ask Hertz if their system operates in Portugal.

(2)²⁴ Send enclosed cheque to my credit Regular Checking a/c no 04958216 1st National City Bank 640 5th Ave. NYC 10019

(3) Phone Weiser if got, or can get, Prof Edmond Szekeley's translation of an early Christian Gospel (from Aramaic) in which Jesus preached vegetarianism. If cant get write Szekeley at his Centre in TECATE, Mexico. it's a small book which I need here.

(4) London Times says "Given way Americans gone for color TV shares at home they could easily turn avid eyes on Phillips later this year"

(5) Congratulations on the "E" award tp P-H Int and capacities developed will remain, the rest is maya: dont get swelled head, but I'm very pleased. try find time for meditation-relaxation breaks regularly to counteract business pressure and prepare way for portugal.

²² Vertical line indicating that April 18 is for the 5 lines on the right

²³ Handwritten below line

²⁴ Handwritten checkmarks in front of numbers 2, 3, 4, 7, 8

(6) PH printed Review of Year and Tax Rules for Nonresidents received. Thanks.

(7) Verna visited a publisher in [R]ome to interest him in PBs books (she ought to have arrived in nyc by the time you get this) Can you tell me whether it is a reliable firm, and whether it is a very small or mediumsized one, as I have not heard of it. She says their printed formats are superb.

Name: - ASTROLABIO Publishing Co
Dr. Ubaldini (Top man) Via G. d'Arezzo, 16
Rome Italy

(8) Please tell edmund I received his march 27 letter and give him my news. and Peace! (9) Has Dan kept or changed his home address (residential)?

[With Peace & Affection
PB]

[SC-TI
Science & technical
Member of Italian Pubrs Assn]

L42.019

19 - 20

Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Paul Brunton
Fort Lee, New Jersey
May 7, 1966

[Dear P.B.

(1) Weiser did not have a Szekeley book, so I've written Szekeley directly to airmail me a copy.

(2) Jacques Maddow phoned last week. They were in NYC for few days. Tried to pump me for your whereabouts, and seemed annoyed when I was non-communicative! Did not offer to meet me.

(3) Both Erna & Edmund delighted to hear good news of your health. We all hope and pray the healing continues to full recovery.

(4) Weiser has Rider copies of "Egypt" & "India" paperbacks. I note error (?) in front matter: they list all your titles in Arrow Series ..or do they plan to issue them all? I bought copies. Weiser ordered 100 of each, and says they are selling well. He also received (finally) the 25 copies of your Bombay friend's book.

(5) I'm taking Erna to see "On a Clear Day You Can See Forever" next Friday. She is still floundering about selling her work. She is not businesslike yet refuses to let an agent handle the business details! Well, I'll try again Friday.

(6) Sesimbra hotel confirmed our reservation, but Lisbon & Praia da Rocha hotels replied they were booked, so I'm writing alternative hotels. Hertz operates in Portugal, so I think a car rental will give us more freedom of movement.

(7) Enclosed box mail thru Thursday (5/5/66) very little! All goes well with me now and I am happy.

All my love, Kenneth]

L42.021

21 - 22

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
Athens, Greece
May 8, 1966

[Your letters April 24 & May 3rd; ---dear Kenneth - and cable April 28.

(1) I am very pleased that you have secured a cabin on "Raffaello" and delighted to confirm the arrangement so do ~~xxx~~ go ahead to finalize. Admittedly postponement of maiden voyages is suspicious, but the same thing is happening to top class British new liners now. These modern ships are so complicated, that maiden voyage dates are really tentative, anyway.

(2) I also think it would be senseless for you to go to Spain if another PH man is going; and I will have one, or at most, 2 nights in Madrid only, and then leave ~~come~~ direct by air, to save time. ~~to-xxxx~~ So I am in full accord with your new schedule Beirut - Athens - Cannes - Raffaello.

(3) Now as regards meeting on July 21st. I may be desirable to use Nice, as our base; for various reasons. It is quite near to Cannes; had a quaint little vegetarian restaurant in the old town which I visited with Arthur. The diet problem has been a troublesome one at times for me. However I will consider the matter - choosing between Nice & Cannes - and after deciding secure necessary hotel information and reserve two rooms for us; unless you inform me there is any special reason to choose Cannes.

(4) As regards my leaving Greece, I sail on the 13th May so will not get mail here after 12th. Then my next collection will be in Zurich (c/o American Express, # 20, BAHNHOFSTRASSE) about May 20. Use the Zurich address until we meet as they will forward. The 15th & 16th nights I spend in Venice, should you need to cable, at Hotel London, on Riva degli Schiavoni, (street)

With Peace & Affection
PB.]

L42.023

23 - 24

Telegram from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
Athens, Greece
May 19, 1966

WESTERN UNION
TELEGRAM²⁵

W. P. MARSHALL

²⁵ Printed heading of WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

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R. W. McFALL
PRESIDENT²⁷

CLASS OF SERVICE

This is a fast message unless its deferred character is indicated by the proper symbol.²⁸

SYMBOLS

DL - Day Letter

NL - Night Letter

LT - International Letter Telegram²⁹

The filing time shown in the date line on domestic telegrams is LOCAL TIME at point of origin. Time of receipt is LOCAL TIME at point of destination³⁰

529A EDT MAY 19³¹ 66 PA061
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ATHENS 8 19 1030³² [am]
PRENHALL ENGLEWOODCLIFFS
AGREE EXTEND PORTUGAL FIFTEENTH³³
PEAC[E]

BRUNTON~~N~~

International [8]

SF1201(R2-65)³⁴

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25 - 26

Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Paul Brunton
Fort Lee, New Jersey
May 22, 1966

²⁶ Printed under WESTERN

²⁷ Printed under UNION

²⁸ Part of the printed form, in a box to the left of WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

²⁹ Part of the printed form, in a box to the right of WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM, each line separated by a line

³⁰ Printed below everything above with line extending to the edge of the page

³¹ Underlined by hand, 19 circled by hand

³² Circled by hand

³³ Circled by hand

³⁴ Printed on form at bottom

[Your cable, dear P.B ---

(1) extending Portugal to October 15 was much appreciated. I have revised our itinerary as attached, and have written off for reservations. Because of shortage of time before I leave for Brasil (June 18), I have written several alternative hotels in each town; I can then choose from their replies and cancel the others. It allows for any of them being full. Hotel Tivoli has confirmed for Lisbon (I will now change the return date to Oct. 13 & 14), and also Hotel Do Mar in Sesimbra has confirmed. I will also reserve a Hertz car for our trip to the Algarve.

(2) I airmailed the Szekeley book to you this past week. Also a booklet of Greek phrases!

(3) I have written Bernard but no reply to date.

(4) Erna is coming to live in Fort Lee. You will have founded a colony here! The art gallery man here to whom I introduced her turned out useful. Nice chap, and interested somewhat in *vita spirituella*. He found her a studio here @ \$50 month, and he will display her works. She prefers living here to NYC and it is close enough to go in.

(5) I had eye examination which proved I needed glasses for reading, and another pair for distance. I picked them up yesterday; they do make quite a difference. Getting old!

(6) I bought a (autographed) copy of Michael's book, "The White Brother," and am reading it with great interest!

Devotedly, K.]

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27 - 28

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L42.029

29 - 30

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
Athens, Greece
May 24, 1966

[c/o Amexco, Athens.]

This acknowledges your letters April 30, May 7 & 10, dear Kenneth...

and confirms my cable informing you that I will extend the Portuguese trip to October 15. This should give us a real holiday and yet we should be able to put some activity in, you perhaps in business, I in writing and investigating living conditions there, both in meditation, I hope.

I may have to remain here until early July, having postponed the Yugoslavia trip to August. But I had earlier written the publisher Astrolabio in Rome that if he were really interested in any of the books I would come to Rome on leaving here for discussion. Your firm's bad experience with the previous publisher of a solitary Italian version has been questionable regarding finance. I wrote him on the strength of Erna's report glowing with admiration for Dr Ubaldini, the proprietor or manager, I don't know which. Her info to you that this is new ownership needs confirmation, and in any case this new owner would need scrutiny. I realise now that her lack of knowledge in business matters should have caused me to be more cautious in writing him. Please ascertain whatever further info you can get, since I won't go to Rome if it is too dubious, and since it affects my leaving date here. Thanks.

No—Hutchinsons have no intention of issuing further titles beyond SE & SI in paperback: it was an error that you noted in the books. I have now secured a copy of each. The remaindering of Arrow Sec Path won't encourage them to do more!

The September 28 flight will be started from Zurich, as I should be in Switzerland during Sept

QUERIES: (1) Should I not include a zipcode in the PH address in book? If so, what is it? (2) American Express have no office in Lisbon. You and I will certainly need to receive mail over such a long 3 week period. What address can we use? If you have nothing better, I suggest Wagons-Lit Cooks, who I remember are there. But we'll have to buy tickets or travel-checks to get their service.

[With all Peace & Affection

P.B.]

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Incomplete letter

Athens, Greece

(6)

page 3: Another point for your consideration, which I rejected at first because of the nuisance of having to rearrange schedules, is that the travel time to and from Algarve being deducted, we would have only about 1 & 1/3 day there, which hardly seems enough for the beauty spot of Portugal, or enough to get acquainted with its possibilities. If therefore an extra day could be allotted to Algarve, it could be taken away from: - either Lisbon or Sesimbra, (thus, dropping the latter, which could still be taken on a partday trip from Lisbon) whichever³⁵ you prefer or whichever is easier to arrange.

(7) The British have made a new and stiffer Double Taxation Treaty with USA, signed last month as a "supplementary Protocol" to the [No]³⁶ existing treaty. However I do not know whether Royalties are affected if so, the Taxation (Withholding) Table you sent me would have to be brought up to date in this matter. Perhaps your law dept or tax dept knows? (8) Your clip about Ge. Ne Win, of Burma, mentions his visit to 'his own swami' who lives in a cave. If you know, or can ascertain at leisure who this swami is, and where in India (not Burma he is, and if Hindu or Buddhist, it would be interesting. Also any other clips about the General that crop up would also be read.

L42.033

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Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
Zurich, Switzerland
May 31, {1966}

[c/o AmericanExpress, 20 BAHNHOFstrasse, Zurich
Suisse]

Conti

HOTEL GARNI ZURICH DUFOURSTRASSE 3
PROPR. L. DONATI

Das neuzeitliche, elegante
HOTEL GARNI
bel Stadttheater und See
Tel. 051 / 34 76 44³⁷

31 Mai

[This acknowledges yours of May 8, 17, 16 and April 24; dear Kenneth - - -
(1) Am delighted over Raffaello booking. (2) I have secured reservations for use; You from 21st, I from evening 19th, until 25th, at HOTEL MASSENA, 58 RUE

³⁵ Written below line, circles by hand, and inserted with an arrow

³⁶ Circled by hand

³⁷ Letterhead

GLOFFREDO 58, NICE, (phone 85.49.25) with adjoining & communicating rooms.
(3) On June 10th I leave Suisse for Austria, about a week, there; ~~but am exco, zurich~~
~~will have to~~ Return to Zurich for a day, or few days, & then to Madrid for 2 days, &
back to Zurich again. Until we meet in Nice: this is the schedule at present, but I
expect to leave Zurich again in July but date not known for few days.

This is about all I can write here, cooped up in Chinese Restaurant with noisy
crowd around.

With Peace & Affection
P. B.]

L42.035

35 - 38

Incomplete letter from Paul Brunton

[ATHENS I have tried to find the Book Trade Association here, but no luck so far.³⁸
However the largest bookshop is "ELEFTEROUDAKIS" on NIKIS ODOS (odos
means "street") and I am told they can give you much information.

Hotels for July 16-20. If you are a stickler for vegetarian diet there is a Pension here,
which is much cheaper than the regular hotels, is clean, and being on a side street, is
quiet, whereas all the good hotels here are on streets with endless traffic noise. They
had a 2-bed room with wash basin, for about £1-4-0 d a night with ridiculously
moderate charge for breakfast and lunch. I have arranged with them to agree to
serve you a vegetarian lunch, (and dinner too, if desired) made according to your
own specification! But the dinner would have to be eaten in your own room. And
there is no lift, it is 2nd floor. You would have to phone for taxi, or us but; but its
only 3 minutes to centre of town, where noise is high.³⁹ It is called "NIRVANA"
(yes, its true!) Tourist Home, Mr. G. PARARA, 7 ANAGNOSTOPOULOV ODOS,
english

all hotels
add 15%
for service

PLATIA KOLONAKI
(square) (name)
ATHENS (136) phone
610-542

spoken

(2) Quietest of the Hotels is big ACROPOLE PALACE, 51, PATISSION odos (close
National Museum & Park) Athens but price is 2 ½ times higher than the Nirvana. It
is rated Top class.

so whichever you decide please write & make a reservation with the Hotel desired at
once so]

July is a peak tourist month.

About my own hotel in New York, I have still not considered, but will deal
with it in my next letter. ~~If there is a quiet]~~

L42.039

39 - 40

Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Paul Brunton

³⁸ This may be marked out by hand or it may be just an accidental line

³⁹ Period added by typist.

Apt. 6W, Half Moon Apartments
2400 Hudson Terrace
Fort Lee, New Jersey
June 5, 1966

Your May 24 letter was gladly received, dear P.B. –

and enclosed is boxmail from Friday night. I was very happy to receive your cable and confirmation extending Portugal trip to October 15. Some confirmations of hotels are coming in, and it is a good job I wrote several alternates as some hotels are fully booked. I hope to have them all confirmed before I leave at the end of next week.

1) Yes, the Prentice-Hall zipcode is ~~171~~– 07632.

2) For receiving mail in Portugal, we could use either Cooks – or perhaps the Hotel Tivoli, where we will spend one week, and then return there after the Algarve trip. Their letter confirming the rooms was efficiently worded, giving all details and rates. They could either hold mail for us on the trip, or forward to the Algarve itinerary. It would be difficult to buy tickets from Cooks as I will have mine here in advance, so perhaps the Tivoli would be better. Please let me know if you agree with this.

3) The PH record with Astrolabio is enclosed. As you see, it is not satisfactory, and we will not do further business with them. I've discussed again with Erna. She now tells me the new ownership took over four years ago – so they would be responsible for the PH dealing: Further, she admits that her recommendation was the result of De Boni's enthusiasm for, and recommendation of, Astrolabio. So this is third hand and not very reliable. Further, Dr. Ubaldini has written her here in New York, asking her⁴⁰ to contact several American publishers for him for rights to certain books. This is an unbusinesslike procedure, as US publishers won't grant rights over the phone, or to Erna; they will require a formal request from the foreign publisher in writing on his letterhead. So, it does not look very encouraging, and I question whether a special trip to Rome to see them would be worthwhile. Meantime, Erna is writing friends in Rome to check on Astro, and I've asked my London office to get a report on them.

4) Erna has moved to Fort Lee, and settled down as though she plans to stay permanently! She is making her small studio attractive, however, with her artistic taste. Her hotel gave her some furniture, and I've provided some things, so she is comfortable. Last weekend I invited Edmund Luescher and Dale Puckett (who has come back from Brazil to job hunt in New York) over to meet her for dinner. She liked them both, and has invited us all to spaghetti dinner with her at her home next Saturday. She and Edmund got along very well! So at least she will have some quest friends here as I will be away, and they might want to get together now and then.

⁴⁰ "him" was typed over

5) As you will be in Switzerland during September and will fly to Lisbon on Sept. 28 from Zurich, I will fly from Frankfurt on Sept. 27 to Zurich, and stay overnight there ~~we~~ we can fly together from Zurich to Lisbon on the 28th. In due course, if you could let me know which hotel in Zurich you will stay at I will try to get a room in the same hotel overnight.

6) All else goes well and smoothly with me, at office and home. The days fly by, into weeks. I enjoyed THE WHITE BROTHER very much. I'm looking forward to my Latin America trip. It will be a change of pace. I'll airmail you my final itinerary next week.

I'm trying to arrange for Erna to mind the local Fort Lee art gallery this summer when the owner wishes to make a trip abroad. It will provide some income and contacts for her.

So, again, all my love. I'm looking forward to our Portugal holiday.

[Devotedly,
Kenneth]

[Bernard replied to my letter,
and they will meet me in Sao Paulo]

L42.041

41 - 42

Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Paul Brunton
Fort Lee, New Jersey
June 12, 1966

Further, dear P.B. -

to my last letter of June 5, enclosed is my final itinerary. Please do not hesitate to let me know if I may do⁴¹ anything for you on my trip. It would be a pleasure.

1. I have not yet received confirmations from all the Portugal hotels, but I will keep in touch with this situation on my trip, and will send follow-ups, etc. Actually, we have the major stops confirmed; it is only the small one-night stops, so this is not so bad. I have also written Hertz in Lisbon, reserving a car for us from October 5 to 14.

2. In my last letter I suggested using Hotel Tivoli for mail. It has since occurred to me the⁴² obvious disadvantage to this is that people would know where you are and might decide⁴³ to drop in! Although it is but for a short time, two weeks, and receiving the Grindlay and Box 339 mail would be safe. So that would leave only urgent mail from people you can trust. But I leave the decision up to you, dear P.B. The alternative of using Cooks is awkward unless we can find something to buy through them.

⁴¹ "don" in original

⁴² "the the" in original

⁴³ "decided" in original

3. I've arranged with Edmund for him to take over the box mail. He will continue forwarding once a week (provided there is mail) until you send him a change of address. His home address is 211 West 106th Street, Apt. 5B, NYC 10025. Tel: RI9-0319. His cable address at office is: SIGMACHINE NEWYORK (then start first word of message with Luescher). I will empty the box once more next Thursday, pay the rent, and then Edmund will take over.

4. Erna gave a nice dinner last night for Edmund, Dale Puckett, Ross (the local art gallery man) and myself. She has transformed her little place into a charming cottage and has her work ornamenting the walls. Now Dale has been captured by the charm of Fort Lee and wants to look for a home here to bring his family when they arrive from Brazil. You really started something!

5. You may recall I once mentioned a girl in my office whom I took out occasionally—she was psychic and made suicide attempts and was undergoing psychoanalysis? Well, once again, the PB catalytic agent shook things up! Until your visit I did not feel myself attached to her. But after you left, immediately after, I found myself taking her out weekly and becoming involved deeper and deeper. And becoming attached and possessive. After three months it was becoming quite disturbing to me as it occupied too much of my thoughts and emotions. Although I realized that nothing final would really come of the relationship, and that I didn't want to marry her, yet once again I had become too possessive and that my ego was riding herd on the relationship. And the physical aspect was very much involved. So this week I determined to break off. I don't think she will mind at all, as she is also going out with others and I don't think she feels any more than liking for me. So I hope my trip to Brazil will enable me to get over it.

But I have been trying to analyze the "why" objectively. It's the same pattern repeated with many of the opposite sex. Lois, Nancy, etc. After a while my ego enters the relationship and becomes possessive and supersensitive to supposed slight. I realize I'm really more interested in what they think of me, than what I think of them! And I become resentful and want to hurt them. I know it sounds silly, but it's true. I want them as objects, not independent human beings, and I want them to belong to me entirely. Then I become resentful when this impossibility fails to materialize. I seem incapable of having a normal love relationship. In the current case, there's no question of my being "jilted" as in the others, but still the same reaction rises. I've tried to rise above it, to understand it. And to ask why this reoccurs so often in my life. It's obviously a problem in me if I get the "hurt" feelings without even being jilted as an excuse! I must have a terribly possessive ego. On the good side, it does shake me up and out of the complacent routine, and makes me examine and question myself, and pray for guidance and help. And teaches me humility when I see what a raging ego I have. This time I don't want to just "get over the hurt" and go back to normal, I really want to try to learn the lessons once and for all. Well, I leave Saturday night, Edmund will drive me to the airport. Riley is going {illegible}⁴⁴

⁴⁴ The bottom of this page is missing.

Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Paul Brunton
1360 York Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10021

Your May 31 letter from Zurich, dear P.B. ...

was very welcome. Enclosed is postbox mail to date plus a few other {illegible}⁴⁵ possible interest.

1. Thank you for Hotel Massena bookings at Nice. I will go straight there from airport arriving between 1230 and 1300. I'm looking forward very much to our holiday there!

2. Enclosed is my final itinerary. The Acropole Palace in Athens was unable to accommodate me, so the travel agent put me in the King's Palace. A nice address but not the palace you stayed at!

3. I will travel around in Morocco without fixed itinerary, so please hold mail to there.⁴⁶ Beirut should be safe for mail, and also Athens.

⁴⁷4. Rafaello is all set. Its sister ship Michelangelo was here recently⁴⁸ (clipping enclosed) and looked very smart. After Cannes the {illegible} Naples for four hours for sightseeing. We arrive New York Monday {illegible}

5. I have not yet finalized your hotel in NYC. I'm negotiating suitable ones, and will notify you of final arrangement before Saturday.

6. Your itinerary noted, and I will send all mail c/o AmEx, Zurich {illegible} safe travels on your journeys.

7. Erna has turned up here. I had dinner with her two nights {illegible} NYC end of July for Verona, and then August 15 for Pondicherry {illegible} thought you would already be in NYC, but I reminded her {illegible} were always uncertain. I did not tell her of our rendezvous {illegible} USA together. She spoke of her enjoyable meetings with {illegible} She seems all right and hopes to make a big sale of all {illegible} gallery here.

8. Life is becoming very hectic here with preparations for {illegible} it will be the usual last minute rush next week despite {illegible} planning! I'm looking forward to my Morocco assignment {illegible} be made successful. I approach it in spirit of service {illegible} was printed and distributed and very well received.

9. While I was in Washington last week, Jacques Masson phoned my off. was en route to Paris and called just to say hello.

So, dear P.B., this is all for now. Please give my best regards to {Noel}

⁴⁵ A word or more looks missing

⁴⁶ Period added by typist.

⁴⁷ From #4 to end of page, the right side of page is mostly missing. We have inserted {illegible} to indicate missing sections for the rest of this letter.

⁴⁸ Word goes off page, "recen" in original

I will write next week re NYC hotel and then look forward with anticipation {illegible} our next meeting in Nice.

Please accept my love and devotion and service.

L42.045

45 - 50

Postcard from Paul Brunton to Riley plus additional notes
Zurich, Switzerland

[Dear Lord Riley,

I don't know if you remember when we met for the first time in York Avenue, and for a number of occasions thereafter in the same place. We met again in Fort Lee a few years ago. Anyway, I've been getting all your news regularly through the letters and meetings of your devoted uncle, Monsieur Hurst. So I feel I know you almost as well as he does. I live at the foot of the Swiss Alps, and should you come to Europe, please come and have a catnip tea with me - served with various dainty cakes & Arab pastries you will like.

Every good wish for your material and spiritual welfare. Hoping to hear from you sometime, Yours grandfatherly,⁴⁹ P.B.

P.S. I enclose a photo]⁵⁰

⁵¹[PB has Mars in Horoscope in 12th house - affecting Home life

(1) No permanent Home, wandering

(2) Trouble with physical House, neighbors, etc

PB

<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>
\$5000	\$4000	\$1500
<u>1080</u>	<u>1080</u>	<u>1080 LG.</u>
\$6080	\$5080	\$2580
<u>3000</u>	<u>3000</u>	
\$3080	2080	
<u>2080</u>		
5160		

TOTAL - \$40,720]

⁴⁹ Hand drawn picture of animal

⁵⁰ The next page of the PDF, page 47, shows the image from the front of the postcard.

⁵¹ Page 49 of the PDF has a duplicate of the postcard text from page 45 plus additional notes which have been typed below.

L42.051

51 - 52

Letter from The Most Rev. Friedrich V. Lustig (The Buddhist Archbishop of Latvia)
to Kenneth Hurst
The Great Shwedagon Pagoda, West Gate
Dagon P.O., Rangoon, Union of Burma
August 3, 1966

[Urgent]

To the highly esteemed
Mr. Kenneth T. Hurst
Advertising & Promotion Manager
Hawthorn Books, Inc.
70 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, N.Y., U.S.A.

Dear Mr. K.T. Hurst:

I suppose that no introduction is needed and that you can still remember me. My revered Guru, the old Buddhist Archbishop of Latvia, passed away on May 9, 1962. He made me the new Buddhist Archbishop of Latvia, and this appointment was approved by His Holiness the Dalai Lama, our Pope (now in exile in India).

Dear Mr. Hurst, I need your help. I wrote a 600-page volume entitled "The Mahatma of the Baltic" about the eventful and colourful life of the Most Rev. Karlis A.M. Tennisons, my illustrious and dynamic predecessor. Well, now I need a publisher. Could you personally finance the publication of my book? The book is well written, is historically correct and will be read with interest even 50 years from now. I feel certain that should you help me, you are not going to lose your money. You may even get a lot of money. There is no doubt that the book on the Archbishop Tennisons will find plenty of readers. When he died his body did not decompose. It was a frontpage news in many newspapers. And the Buddhist world came to accept my Guru as a Saint, a real Mahatma, Hence "The Mahatma of the Baltic."

I shall await your reaction with interest. Blessings!

Yours respectfully,

Friedrich V. Lustig
Buddhist Archbishop of Latvia]

L42.053

53 - 54

Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Friedrich V. Lustig
August 23, 1966

The Most Rev. Friedrich V. Lustig⁵²

⁵² Handwritten notes at the top of the page read "add from directory and write again", "+ Neville Spearman + Vincent Stuart (illegible) John Watkins) + Buddhist Society

The Buddhist Archbishop of Latvia
The Great Shwedagon Pagoda, West Gate
Dagon P.O., Rangoon, Union of Burma

Dear Rev. Lustig,

Your August 3 letter was very welcome. It is very good to hear from you again.

I have often thought of our meetings in Rangoon. I remember them with much affection.

I'm very sorry to learn of the death of the Most Reverend Karlis A.M. Tennisons. But he has a very worthy successor.

I very much regret, Your Eminence, that I am unable personally to arrange for publication of your book. But I can recommend two British publishers whose publishing programs I know well and who might well be interested in publishing your work.

1. Mr. Cherry Kearton⁵³
Rider and Company
178-202 Great Portland St.
London, W. 1, England

2. Mr. Philip Unwin
George Allen & Unwin Ltd.
40 Museum St.
London, W.C. 1, England

I would suggest you send the original of your manuscript to Rider and Company, then if for any reason they reject it, write and ask them to forward the manuscript to Mr. Philip Unwin; and at the same time write Mr. Unwin to expect the manuscript. Be sure to retain a copy of the manuscript for yourself in case the original is lost. I would suggest sending the original manuscript by registered parcel post, with an accompanying letter; and then following up two months later by air mail to see if they have received the manuscript.

I would be most grateful if you would keep me informed of the results as I am most interested in helping you and advising you with the limitations at my disposal. So please do keep me informed.

With warm personal regards.

Sincerely,

(Christopher Humphries)", "up 11/15", "2" and "KTH".

⁵³ Circled by hand with a question mark inserted next to it

Kenneth Thurston Hurst

L42.055

55 - 58

Letter from Paul Brunton
Zurich, Switzerland
August 29, 1966

[private phone: 45-06-40]

Reply to: 9, Heinrich Federerstrasse {illegible} OLLISHOFEN, Zurich.

August

BAUR AU LAC

ZURICH⁵⁴

[Dear Kenneth]

This is in completion of my letter of 2 days ago, wherein I suggested that if we could leave Zurich on Thursday instead of Wednesday we would travel in a nonstop to Lisbon, saving an hour and quarter, and leaving here an hour later than Wed's plane. There need be no difficulty with the hotel as I would like to spend one more day in Lisbon when you leave, so my exit from there could be 17th instead of 16th, when you go: this would partially compensate them for the loss of one days stay! You also would have more time to attend to high finance here in ZH. But the decision is yours, and I go along with it, and book hotel here accordingly in my own, for you.

(1) Acknowledging receipt your letters May 22, June 5, 12, 18, Aug 14 & Picture postcards totalling 4: Copy of REport to USaid. Booklet of Greek Phrases-Dictionary, its excellent. If you have a German one for use here it would be useful.

(2) Remind me to discuss spectacles with you, here.

(3) Yes Lisbon hotel address seems the way for you, but as I have some Cooks Travelcheques I shall use their branch.

[4] I have stopped communication with Rome publisher Astrolabio. He is obviously too risky; it's⁵⁵ not worth investigating further.

[5] It is usually advisable to think well before going out with a girl who has made suicide attempts and is under analysis; it is usually unsatisfactory in the end. Remind me to discuss the topic here. [(6)] You mentioned once it might be possible to arrange a conversion of Australian. I want to liquidate my balance in Perth, but New Zealand government claim jurisdiction over it, and are now⁵⁶ loath to permit conversion outside sterling area (i.e. to Swiss francs). If I apply and get turned down, the money might get stuck there for a time, although I'd eventually find a way to spend it there. However [if] you can help, that would be better and much quicker. I'll take this chance and enclose my cheque, in case it's easier for you in US than in London. The⁵⁷ Australian, ~~worth 25% less than English and now the currency in Aus~~ dollars [are of course different in value fm U.S]

⁵⁴ Letterhead with picture of lion above it

⁵⁵ "its" in original

⁵⁶ Typed above line and inserted with caret

⁵⁷ Something marked out by hand here

9) the REPORT is excellent, as before, and the Recommendations effective as possible, in a situation so filled with problems.

Peace & affection, P.B.

PS I had to leave the name of Payee out, as I did not know what is best. Please fill or, better, stamp it in.

L42.059

59 – 60

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
Zurich, Switzerland
August 20, 1966

[private phone: 45-06-40]

Reply⁵⁸ to: 9, Heinrich Federerstrasse, WOLLISHOFEN, Zurich.

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[Dear Kenneth]

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(3) Yes Lisbon hotel address seems the way for you, but as I have some Cooks

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⁵⁹ The following image appears in the letter with the words below it: "BAUR AU LAC ZURICH"

⁶⁰ Apostrophe added by typist

⁶¹ Period added by typist.

Travel cheques I shall use their branch

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(7) The REPORT is excellent, as before, and the Recommendations effective as possible, in a situation so filled with problems.

Peace & affection, PB

PS.⁶⁷ I had to leave the name of Payee out as I did not know what is best.⁶⁸ Please fill or, better, stamp it in]

L42.061

61 – 62

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
Zurich, Switzerland
August 30, 1966

After writing you at length yesterday I noticed that Lisbon Book Fair does not open until 4 October, which gives you only one day or less⁶⁹ to visit it. OCT 4 FAIR⁷⁰ If the possible business resulting needs a little more time to develop, you might want to leave Lisbon on the 6th instead of 5th. No⁷¹

To do this you would need to eliminate the 1 night at either Sesimbra or Sines by cancellation, whichever you choose. I would find this change acceptable.

If however the time is too late to make these changes, & more especially, if you don't need the extra day just then, Yes⁷² the fair's last day is 15th when you will

⁶² "now" inserted with caret

⁶³ "p" handwritten

⁶⁴ Period added by typist.

⁶⁵ "ch" handwritten

⁶⁶ ", worth 25% less than English and now the currency in Aus" crossed out by hand

⁶⁷ Period added by typist.

⁶⁸ Period added by typist.

⁶⁹ Written in margin, circled, and inserted with arrow

⁷⁰ Written in margin

⁷¹ Written in margin after 5th, probably indicating that K said No

⁷² Written in margin, probably indicating that K said Yes about the fair on the 15th

be back in Lisbon and could attend to this business then. SAT 15TH FAIR⁷³

Peace & affection

P.B.

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63 – 66

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Zurich, Switzerland

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Peace & affection

P.B.

L42.067

67 – 68

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst

9 Heinrich Federerstrasse 9, Wollishofen, 8038 Zurich, Switzerland

{September 18, 1966}

Two days ago I wrote, dear Kenneth . . . that your reservations here are: 27 Sep, Hotel Eicher-Glanischof, 28 Sep Hotel Baur au Lac, and also other matters (1) I shall leave a message at your hotel as to where & when we meet. (2) On 24 Sept Saturday I move residence from Hein Federstr to Hotel Baur au Lac, so address your mail accordingly. (3) Yes thank you for offering buy my ticket from Zur to Lisbon and to bring it here: I gratefully accept. (4) The appointment at Leu will be made by me after your answer is received on a decision whether to come here 27 or 28th. They are open in afternoon from 1.30 to 4.30 (5) re American Express office in Lisbon: see ~~xxxxxxx ship~~ [Americo here say there is no office there, only an agent; his address is not the one you gave: it is Star Agency, Avenida Sidonio {illegible}, Wouldnt it be safer for you to have mail addressed c/o American Consulate, in Lisbon; phone Berkeley Square for location]⁷⁹

⁷³ Written in margin

⁷⁴ Written in margin, circled, and inserted with arrow

⁷⁵ Written in margin

⁷⁶ Written in margin after 5th, probably indicating that K said No

⁷⁷ Written in margin, probably indicating that K said Yes about the fair on the 15th

⁷⁸ Written in margin

⁷⁹ Written below letter and inserted with an arrow

(6) re bringing me something from London: see enclosed slip (7) Noel is returning to stay (from Italy) so will be here when you arrive. I shall talk to her about your meeting, and arrange one even if I am not free to come too. The Italian venture was a disappointment. (8)

With Peace and Affection [P.B.]

L42.069

69 – 70

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
Zurich, Switzerland
{September 27, 1966}

[10 am Tuesday

Baur au lac, Room 154 (but out almost entire day)

Welcome, dear Kenneth!

I am indeed sorry that, as I write you, it is important that I retain the lunch & dinner commitments made weeks ago so that our time together⁸⁰ today is limited.

But (1) I will come to the Hotel Garnisch today⁸¹ any⁸² time after 2.30 pm for an hour or two

But (2) tomorrow a dinner has been arranged for you with Noel & Beau, and (3) an appointment has been arranged tomorrow at Bank {illegible} for 4 pm.

Until this pm

P.B.]

L42.071

71 – 72

Letter from Paul Brunton
Lagos, Portugal
October {5,} 1966

P.B. WILL BEQUESTS [or these marked in red]

1.⁸³ [KTH] – green glass electric lamp Buddha plus 50 pounds

[BEAU-TIE]⁸⁴

2. EVA GLASS – Siamese tanka scrolls

⁸⁰ “together” inserted with a caret

⁸¹ “Today” inserted with caret

⁸² “about 3pm if I can, 315 latest between” crossed out

⁸³ “M. Daniel Frantz” crossed out by hand

⁸⁴ Two indecipherable handwritten words follow this and are crossed out by hand.

3. TONY DAMIANI – Nepalese scroll (bigger than Tibetan)
Parker⁸⁵ 51 pen⁸⁶
Tibetan⁸⁷ shawl scarf
Domestic gadgets
4. ROMAINE STEVENS – Four-⁸⁸colour pen (she to use, not give Ashram)
Indian palmleaf manuscript, “The Ocean of Bliss” in Sanskrit (on Shankar)
5. EDMUND LUESCHER –⁸⁹ [PEN]
6.⁹⁰2 Numdah rugs
7. ERNA KING – Bronze bust of PB by Professor Bontorello
8. JANINA – Financial bequest⁹¹
9. IRIS GABRIEL – Financial bequest
10. EUNICE DOUGLAS – Office item
11. BIANCA LUSSI – Best raincoat, long underwear and scarf & 1 hat and blue overcoat ? (Ask Eva)
12. ARTHUR BROEKHUYSEN – New briefcase (from Barbara) and best Parker 61 pen
[Siamese Statue]
13. BERNARD MASSON – lightweight office desk item
- ⁹²14. GORDON GILLIES – very best briefcase and nice desk item
15. MELODY – small Chinese picture scroll of music teacher (12⁹³) and small Buddha figure
16. JOSEPH T. BESKINE – small piece of gold jewelry (get address from Vedanta Society of Great Britain & Eire)
17. P.B.’s gold watch
- ⁹⁴18. MARIANNE GREEN – small artistic picture or tapestry
19. CLARA WAEGNER – ?
[RED WITTER (TIE?)]

⁸⁵ Handwritten word beside this is indecipherable

⁸⁶ “(or silver ballpoint)” crossed out by hand

⁸⁷ Handwritten check mark to the left of “Tibetan”

⁸⁸ Handwritten check mark to the left of “Four-colour”

⁸⁹ Handwritten word before this is crossed out by hand (indecipherable). Also crossed out by hand: “Moroccan green & red leather desk folder”

⁹⁰ “Karen Sill” crossed out by hand

⁹¹ “KTH handle” written after by hand.

⁹² #14 looks completely crossed out by hand

⁹³ What comes after “12” is whited out.

⁹⁴ Two handwritten notes: “({indecipherable})” and “c/o KTH”

L42.073

73 - 74

Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Stanley Horowitz
Fort Lee, New Jersey
October 19, 1966

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Stanley D. L. Horwitz
Managing Director
Horwitz Publications, Inc. Pty. Ltd.
39 Martin Place, G.P.O. Box 3631
Sydney, N.S.W., Australia

Dear Stanley,

I'm writing you on a personal matter.

A relative of mine has a small balance in his personal account in the National Bank of Australia, amounting to about A\$330. Because he lived in New Zealand for a few years until recently, the New Zealand government will not allow him to transfer this balance out of Australia (except to New Zealand) because of their currency control regulations. However, they would allow him to spend the money in Australia without question; unfortunately he's now in Europe and has no intention of going back to Australia or New Zealand.

The National Bank of Australia say they would cash a check for within Australia, but could not transfer the balance outside Australia without permission of New Zealand.

It's an unfortunate piece of bureaucratic red tape! As you're about the only Australian I know who maintains a U.S. dollar bank account, I wonder if I could ask you a personal favor to help solve this problem. If my relative made out a check to you personally (or any other designation you prefer) for the full amount of his balance, would you accept this check and deposit it in your own Australian bank account. This would then empty my relative's account.

Then, once the check has cleared and you have the funds, would you send me a U.S. dollar check drawn on your New York bank account for the equivalent of the amount you received from the National Bank of Australia. I would then send my relative my own personal dollar check for the similar amount.

I hope this is not an imposition on you, Stanley, but it is the only solution I've come up with to help my relative solve his problem. I hope you understand and that you would not mind helping me and my relative in this way. But, if you prefer not to, of course I will understand.

I will look forward to hearing from you at your convenience.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Thurston Hurst

Vice President and General Manager

KTH/cfa

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Letter from Stanley Horowitz to Kenneth Hurst

39 Martin Place, G.P.O Box 3631

Sydney, Australia

October 25, 1966

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. K. T. Hurst,

Prentice-Hall International,

Englewood Cliffs,

NEW JERSEY 07632. U.S.A.

Dear Ken,

Re the personal matter of your relative's A\$330.

Yes, I will be delighted to take care of this small matter for you. Get him to make the cheque payable to S.D.L. Horwitz and send it to me here at Horwitz Publications Inc. Pty. Ltd.

If you will let me know how you want the equivalent paid and to whom⁹⁶ I will arrange for this to be done. It may possibly have to come from my bank in Hong Kong and I can either pay it to you or have it sent direct to your relative, whoever you prefer.⁹⁷ [?]⁹⁸ He may lose a very small amount in bank charges etc. but there is no problem in attending to it.

Best personal regards.

⁹⁵ Printed letterhead

⁹⁶ Underlined by hand

⁹⁷ Underlined by hand

⁹⁸ Question mark by hand

Sincerely,

[Stanley]
S.D.L. HORWITZ - Managing Director.

L42.077

77 - 78

Envelope with notes by Kenneth Hurst

[10/6 23 Es. Postage
10/16 30 Es. Airport tax
10/16 Taxi to airp

10/16 \$14 Kennedy airport to Home

HORWITZ

A \$330 Australian dollars

- (1) Will he accept PB check & cash in Australia to empty account & then
- (2) Send KH US \$ check on Stan's NYC account for what he receives
- (3) KH send PB check

10=1

9=1

1 10⁹⁹

First Stan write & say OK - then KH tell PB to make out check to Stanley Horwitz

¹⁰⁰From. {illegible} K. Gill
15 Summerhill Grove,
Bush Hill Park.
Enfield, Middx.
England]

L42.079

79 - 80

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
November 3, {1966}

[In view of your sickness at Lisbon, I hope to hear of your recovery when you next write dear Kenneth ---

Shall leave Switzerland in a few days' time, so please hold all mail until I can furnish the next address.

Your help and service in Portugal made me grateful, being so extensive and devoted.

⁹⁹ Written on left side of #3

¹⁰⁰ This section was written on side of envelope and marked out with wavy line

Never mind about the interruptions which prevented realisation of the projected program in meditation: your inner development will work out just the same in the end. Be patient and a little more hopeful. Please give kindest greetings to Edmund.

With Peace and affection,
P.B.]

L42.081

81 - 82

Letter to Paul Brunton
Apartment 6 W2400
2400 Hudson Terrace
Fort Lee, New Jersey 02024
November 6, 1966

This is an interim letter, dear P.B. ---

to take care of urgent matters. As you can imagine, things have been very busy since my return. I have not yet typed up the notes and will bequests, but¹⁰¹ will do so next weekend, and then send to you.

1) Horwitz has agreed to take care of the Australia matter. Would you please make out the check to S.D.L. Horwitz, and send it to him. Do you wish him to send his check directly to you -- or to me and then my sending you my own check? If the former, I suppose you could let him know when you send him your check. Otherwise, please let me know and I will write him to send the check to me.

2) Enclosed are the two British will forms which I ordered from London for you.

3) Enclosed is Bernard's reply to our Portugal letter. I have made Photostat. I do not have Clara Wagner's current address so am unable to write her. In any case, I wonder if it should not come from you, as I have never met her. So I am forwarding it to you. But if you wish me to write her, please send me her address and I shall do so. I note Bernard does not mention willing us the house; perhaps they changed their minds! I'll drop him a card acknowledging his letter.

4) I have ordered the new address labels for you.

5) Edmund is fine and asks after you. He appreciated the card from Cape St. Vincent.

6) Erna is still working as a secretary in NYC. She has since quarreled with the art gallery people to whom I introduced her! The Swami Bhagavananda whose ad you gave me earlier this year, who holds classes re Maharshi, on Riverside Drive. Erna went there. He wants to open an ashram for Maharshi in USA; says M. asked him to do this in a vision. He never met M., went to ashram after his death. But the ashram

¹⁰¹ "and but" in original

won't help him, nor allow him to use M. name here. "There is only one ashram!" He was introduced to M. Ashram in India, after reading Secret India. Erna has met another Swami who gives yoga classes in NYC. He is Swami Sachidananda, who told her he saw you in Greece this summer. He teaches Hatha and Raja yoga at 500 West End Avenue, NY 10024. She has also met Mr. Harry Dickman, who has corresponded with you. He is 80 years old. She met him through Sachidananda.

7) I am seeing Carol, and we are on the same basis. She is mixed up, and does take too many medicants. Friday night I gave her a long talk about positive thinking, as you recommended. I can see now how her negative thinking causes her to be trouble-prone, and she seems to get into one problem after another. Anyway, I'm trying to help.

8) I recovered my health after being back about a week, and the fever went. I hope you too are in good health.

I carry happy memories of our time together in Portugal. Thank you for putting up with my moods and for being so patient with me.

I'll write again soon.

With all my love.

L42.083

83 - 84

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
Hotel Splendide, Riva A.Caccia, 7
Lugano, Switzerland
November 14, 1966

I am delighted to hear, from your letter Nov 6th that you recover health and the fever went, dear Kenneth . . .

1/¹⁰² I shall write to Clara Waegner and tell her about Bernard[^{'s address}]¹⁰³

2/¹⁰⁴ Thanks for the Willforms: I have not opened them yet but will work on them during the week and send one to you in my next.

3/¹⁰⁵ I cannot remember meeting any Swami Sachananda in Greece[:] if he says I did[,] then he left no impression on my mind. As for Harry Dickman I dropt correspondence with him 35 years ago as he became a follower of Meher Baba[:] whether he still is I don't know. He was a hathayoga mostly

4/Yes[,] if you teach Carol control of emotion by reason, practice of positive thinking, faith that she CAN get out of the family situation in time by learning its lessons now, you will help her.

5/My account No. is 82,255, at NEW YORK BANK FOR SAVINGS, 280 Park Avenue

¹⁰² Handwritten checkmark over number

¹⁰³ "Address" written above line, circled, and inserted with caret

¹⁰⁴ Handwritten checkmark over number

¹⁰⁵ Handwritten checkmark over number

[South],¹⁰⁶ New York, N>Y> 10010

6/¹⁰⁷ Horwitz: I have today sent him my cheque for A\$330 with a note asking him to pay the equivalent to you, after clearance. So when this is received by you, please do not send me a cheque but pay it into my a/c at NY Bank for Savings.

7/¹⁰⁸ My health is good, and decided to remain in Lugano for the next 2/3 months, with a few days off at Christmas to spend in Zurich, where I am to meet the Tibetan Lama who was sent to teach the children (refugee)

8¹⁰⁹/The Monkey-Picked Tea proved excellent for breakfast use, when a very mild tea is needed on empty stomach. Next time you see Reid ask if¹¹⁰ he remembers the address of shop where bought, I'd like to have it, also price,

9/¹¹¹ I met Romaine for few hours as she passed thru Europe with G.D on way to India. She had just seen Barbara and brought her to finally acknowledge and realise the door is closed between her and KH, so this emotional fretting will now end.

10/¹¹² If you can give an interview one day to JAMES WILSON, 43 books helped him: says he met a spiritually enlightened one in Australia. His letter was held up for several months by American Express, Athens, in error, tell him.

I wrote you a week ago briefly. The mail from Bx 339 may be addressed to the Hotel above directly, until canceled

[With all Peace & Affection P.B.]

L42.085

85 - 86

Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Paul Brunton
Fort Lee, New Jersey
{November 20, 1966}

[(6)

N/L

PAUL BRUNTON HOTELL SPLENDIDE LUGANO SWITZERL

YOUR November 14¹¹³ LETTER RECEIVED STOP

TED SPICER DIED HEART ATTACK NOVEMBER 15

KENNETH HURST]

L42.087

85 - 86

Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Paul Brunton

¹⁰⁶ Handwritten below line and inserted with caret

¹⁰⁷ Handwritten checkmark over number

¹⁰⁸ Handwritten checkmark over number

¹⁰⁹ Handwritten checkmark over number

¹¹⁰ Typed above line and inserted with caret

¹¹¹ Handwritten checkmark over number

¹¹² Handwritten checkmark over number

¹¹³ Written above line and inserted with a caret

Fort Lee, New Jersey
{November 20, 1966}

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N/L

PAUL BRUNTON HOTELL SPLENDIDE LUGANO SWITZERL

YOUR November 14¹¹⁴ LETTER RECEIVED STOP

TED SPICER DIED HEART ATTACH NOVEMBER 15

KENNETH HURST]

L42.089

89 - 94

Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Paul Brunton
Fort Lee, New Jersey
November {28,} 1966

[And a very happy birthday, to you, dear P.B.!

- 1) Thank you for your inspiring note of Nov. 3 and welcome letter of November 14.
- 2) I cabled you that Ted Spicer died from a heart attack on November 15.
- 3) I hope you agree the new labels turned out well. I'll enclose some each time.
- 4) Box 339 also contained some now professional water color sketches of {illegible} mountain by L. HYNKOVA mailed from Czechoslovakia. Unless you notify me otherwise, I'll just hold them here.
- 5) Please let me know whether to hold Xmas {cards} as usual, and then send you a list.
- 6) Thank you for writing Clara Waegner.
- 7) Horwitz - and bank account " - all noted
- 8) Reid doesn't recall address of Hong Kong tea shop - but it's a big C.C. emporium out on Nathan Road. I'll ask him to write it down & get some more next time he goes to Hong Kong.
- 9) Have just received postcard from {Romaine} from Frankfurt (Nov. 5 '66) saying she hopes see me NYC Xmastime, etc.
- 10) Will contact James Wilson soon.
- 11) Had reoccurrence of the fever problem and was confined to bed for a weekend. But, after a few days weakness, I now feel allright again.
- 12) Edmund is fine and appreciated your greetings message very much. I haven't had time to see Erna lately.
- 13) Thank you for Carol advice. But although I try - and am now cast in "psychiatrist" role in our relationship - her situation ~~deteriorates~~ deteriorates. She says she doesn't really want to get better and keeps thinking negatively. Now her doctor is talking of institutionalising her for a few weeks.

¹¹⁴ Written above line and inserted with a caret

I've talked to her about the Higher Power, but she says she can't believe or have faith in it. Her brother will go to Vietnam in Army in January; she fears he will be killed, and threatens she will then commit suicide. So it is a mess. And I am still tied by my obsession to her. I'm afraid. What fools we mortals be!

14) Anyway, I'm keeping busy. All goes well at the office after a recent crisis. I threatened resignation, but the big president assured me they think highly of me, and we compromised on policy.

Please accept my love and devotion
Kenneth]

L42.095

95 - 96

Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Friedrich V. Lustig
December 9, 1966

The Most Rev. Friedrich V. Lustig
The Buddhist Archbishop of Latvia
The Great Shwedagon Pagoda
West Gate Dagon P.O.
Rangoon
Union of Burma

My dear Rev. Lustig,

I'm wondering if you received my August 23 letter with my suggestions for publishers to whom to send your manuscript?

In addition to the two companies I recommended, namely, Rider and Company, and George Allen & Unwin Ltd., I have since thought of two further suggestions.

1. Neville Spearman
112 Whitfield Street
London, W. 1, England
Neville Armstrong, Chief Editor

2. Vincent Stuart Ltd.
45 Lower Belgrave Street
London, S.W. 1, England
Mr V.G. Stuart

I would suggest your bearing them in mind in case Rider or Unwin, for any reason, are unable to consider publication.

I would be most appreciative if you would keep me informed on this project as I am most anxious to be of whatever assistance I can.

With best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Thurston Hurst
Vice President and General Manager

KTH/cfa

L42.097

97 - 100

Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Paul Brunton
Fort Lee, New Jersey
December 18, 1966

[Your Dec. 13 address change, dear PB - arrived yesterday.

(1) I'm holding Xmas cards sent you by Sam Lohr, Marianne¹¹⁵ Green, G. Pickett and P. Sirlar.¹¹⁶ No messages. Box mail up to date.

(2) P-H has settled the problem of the threatened Indian suit for \$6000. I'm therefore free to visit India again. I plan to leave here January 5 and go to London for a week, then to New Delhi for 2 to 3 weeks. Then straight back to New York. (We have a case of embezzlement in London with our warehouse manager!) Please let me know if I can do anything for you on my trip. I'll ask Edmund to handle Box 339 during my absence. You can write me¹¹⁷ en route, if needed; addresses enclosed.

(3) I went to the theatre with Edmund Friday night; will dine with James Wilson next Wednesday. Erna has friends from Europe visiting, so she is occupied.

(4) Carol is showing definite improvement and I continue to advise, guide and cheer her. I'm now reading from {illegible} to her.

(5) I'm thinking of closing down our India company; the problems are huge, and rewards small. I'll decide while there.

(6) Upon his eve of Christmas, I send my loving thoughts and gratitude for your help, patience and tolerance.

Devotedly,

Kenneth]

L42.101

101 - 102

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
Hotel Splendide, (Rue A.Caccia 7) 6900 Lugano, Switzerland

¹¹⁵ "Marainne" in original

¹¹⁶ Handwritten checkmarks over each name.

¹¹⁷ "my" in original

{December 25, 1966}

This acknowledges your letters of Nov 27, Dec 4&18 Xmas¹¹⁸ Cable¹¹⁹ Nov 20
dear Kenneth...

1¹²⁰ I wrote to Mrs. Speier~~ieier~~ and had an answer. Ted is released from body-cross

2 Thanks for the labels: they are satisfactory

3 Yes hold the watercolor mountain sketches, I don't need them here

4 Xmas cards: please collect and mail as a batch ~~only~~ by seamaile parcel post during
1st week January to Amexco, Zurich, address. But remove anything that seems
urgent or important. Envelopes may be destroyed to lighten weight.
Yes send list of seamailed items. Enclose Marianne Greens card in next airletter

5 MONKEYPICK TEA. Cancel request: undesirable after effects (flatulence) show
taste is not enough!

6 It seems prudent that you compromised on plicity with Pres.

7 The Last Will – British Section – plus small bequests General Will: shall hold until
your return to NYC

8 Carol: if there is any elder woman who is psychologist enough and sage enough
to be helpful in her case, and whom you know, it might be worth considering
whether to link them for a very occasional meeting in NYC. Send her photo if you
want me to send her good thoughts, but dont mention my name

9 Your assistance re publication to Lustig is OK but dont overdo it to the extent of
getting too involved personally with the personage about whom the script was
written

10 HORWITZ. The NY Bank for Savings are right. The a/c number sent them is the
number for 1st Federal Bank, which account is being closed down January 1st.67 and
transferred to NY B for S. The correct number of my a/c at latter is 1,-1,859,415.
Thanks

11 INDIA: All the omens from start were unfavourable, and the history has
continued ~~it~~ or confirmed this adverse condition. If your decision is to close down,
don't hesitate to do so despite¹²¹ xx the lure of future prospects, [and cut loss.]
(~~because~~ For¹²² economic-political conditions there are equally¹²³ unfavourable)

¹¹⁸ Typed above line.

¹¹⁹ Typed between "8" and "Nov 20"

¹²⁰ There are checkmarks after each of the numbers

¹²¹ Written above line and inserted with a caret

¹²² Written above line and inserted with a caret

12 I expect to leave Lugano 15 January for Zurich, and Switzerland during the last week of January. I do not know where I shall go, but probably to Southern Italy. Meanwhile the Amexco, Zurich address is safest for the period of a couple of months until you get a different address for mail from me.

13 Please thank Edmund for me for helping with the Box. He should use Zurich address.

[Tomorrow-Xmas day- in meditation shall hold the BEST for you in coming year.

Peace & Affection
P.B.]

14 If Dr Kirsch talk with you – should it materialize – leads to his wanting to talk with me, and you think it OK, then he can come and do so while on his way to India, via Europe: but it's up to him and you

L42.103

103 – 104

Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Paul Brunton
Fort Lee, New Jersey
January 2, 1967

'Tis fitting, dear P.B. . . .

that my first letter of the new year should be to you. Your Christmas eve letter arrived last Thursday, and I was very grateful for it. It arrived opportunely at a time when I was harassed and under much pressure – and it revived me immediately!

1. I'll seamail all Xmas cards tomorrow to Zurich. Enclosed is a listing. Enclosed also is Marianne card; your intuition was at work for I had not noticed message on back of card when I wrote you "no messages"! Last week I forwarded some Box 339 mail on December 27 to Zurich, and enclosed an Xmas card from Madrid which I thought you would want to have sooner.
2. Have not heard from Dr Kirsch as yet. Your comments noted.
3. Will send this airmail letter to Lugano as it should arrived before 14th.
4. I had wanted to help Lustig knowing your high opinion of him, but certainly do not wish to become involved with the subject of the ms. so am grateful for your warning! There doesn't seem much I can do anyway; he now has the ms. with an American publisher, he writes.
5. Have sent Portugal \$153 check to NYB for Savings. So far have not received clearance of the Horwitz check drawn on Hongkong bank, but will deposit it in same account – although I'm afraid this might have to await my return to USA if it doesn't come through in time.
6. Carol is showing marked improvement and seems on upswing. I don't know of any older woman suitable. Marianne would be suitable but Chicago is too far away.

¹²³ Written above line and inserted with a caret

I never hear from Norma nor the Stacys vor Burkhart, although I send them Xmas cards! I don't have photo of Carol, will try to get one. But she seems very much better and says meetings with me help her. She's also been using light technique to successfully ward off night attacks. I'm still drawn to her emotionally but in a different way than before, the infatuation seems to have lightened into a friendship and the obsession seems to have waned, thank heaven. I've learned, I think, from the experience.

7. Things are well at the Office. My major problem is my immediate superior, Leo Albert, who is a politician and likes to avoid responsibility yet claim all credit. I now get along with his boss, the president, Paul Andrews, well enough. I'm not willing to play Machiavellian intrigue, so I have to do the best I can, and hope for the best. Well, it will work out eventually.

8. I'm all set for my trip. I appreciate your comments and advice on India and will heed them. I'm looking forward to visiting India again, despite everything. You are right, though, the whole history of the Indian company has been adverse. Please don't hesitate to let me know if I may do anything for you there.

9. Edmund is coming over for tea today, and I'll turn over Box 339 to him. I'll give him your message.

10. Thank you very much indeed for your Christmas day meditation remembrance and wish, I greatly appreciate it, and will try to live up to it.

With all my love,

L42.105

105 - 106

Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Paul Brunton

Fort Lee, New Jersey

March 5, 1967

[Have returned safely, dear PB—

flying straight through from Beirut to NYC. Busily catching up at office but wanted to drop you a line.

1) Horwitz Hongkong check has cleared, and I will pay proceeds into your NY Bank for Savings account this week.

2) Edmund phoned. He's sending your mail regularly (tho not much in box) to Athens.

3) If you would send me 2 pieces of stationary with the seated figure emblem plus the copper plate if same)¹²⁴ I can proceed with printing of the "Last Message."

4) Am invited to Brasil again in May but date not yet certain.

5) Have not yet seen Edmund or Erna or Wilson –or anyone. Takes time to catch up.

~~6) I found a small key in my briefcase with tag in your writing. "KEY To~~

6) As I wrote you, I'm recommending we maintain Indian company. Although problems always huge. I ~~for~~ find it difficult to break tie with India – and feel an

¹²⁴ Other parenthesis missing

obligation from the past! And I hope this year will prove it can be profitable.
All my love,]

L42.107

107 - 108

Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Paul Brunton
Fort Lee, New Jersey
March 16, 1967

[Just to confirm my cable to you, dear P.B.... that Mike Frantz called me to say that Dan died peacefully in his sleep on Monday night. Apparently Dan had not felt well since his lung cancer operation late last year. They gave him some injections which pepped and cheered him up. He came out of hospital on the Sunday "feeling fine" -- - then died Monday night.

Mike asked me for advice on the burial. I recommended (1) cremation after 3 days by the mortuary used by the Vedanta Ashrama (2) No embalming fluid (3) if they wanted service, to consider holding it at Ashrama.

I also asked to be allowed to share funeral expenses 50% out of friendship for Dan.

I also asked Mike to collect all papers & files¹²⁵ belonging to and referring to Peter Brown - and ship them to me. He agreed. I'll then sort and send you a list. Mike promised to keep me informed. His address incidentally is MICHAEL FRANTZ, Apartment A, 1315 23rd Street, SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA.

So exits another old friend...

Kenneth]

L42.109

109 - 112

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
Athens, Greece
March 28, 1967

[c/o Wagons-Lits Cook, odos ERMOV, 8, Athens.]

This acknowledges the following letters, dear Kenneth . . .

Jan2,15 March 5, 7, 16 & 11¹²⁶+the Printed 'India' diary & Xmas cards.

1. Burkhart died quite some time ago¹²⁷

2. Please repeat which 'Last Message' was to be printed? In any case the copper plate is at Zurich

3. I believed I sent Dan a message thru you last year? Your advice about his cremation is correct. I'll await the list of PB papers with him, but most, if not all, will have to be burnt after I check the list. If Dan said anything to Mike about me recently perhaps M may pass it on to you? I'll help in meditation, of course.

4. There has been no news about Tony Damiani since your cable so perhaps if you have some from Ellamay include it in the next letter or two. Also about your Nepal

¹²⁵ Written above line and inserted with caret

¹²⁶ Handwritten checkmarks over 2, 15, 5, 7, 16

¹²⁷ "ago ago" in original, changed to "time ago".

visit.

5. I will close down my National City Bank NYC account next week so that NY Bank for Savings will be the only one

6. If you reply to friends or questers saying you will send their letter to PB it would be well to add, "who stays in Europe" for some have the belief that I am still in USA

7. In connection with our transaction at Zurich, changing tickets with Swiss Airlines, you had to adjust a cheque with London, have you finally recouped and cleared it? If so, I will destroy the tickets which I have kept in "Pending"

8. Pat-Jim request for recommendations I have no information to help Pat medically. But for diet—if she has to eat small portions,¹²⁸ she could compensate by eating more often. As for proetid to enable her eat less or no meat, she can get it from Vegex-Marmite (I don't remember the US name) eaten on sandwiches, mixed into soup and purees: also available from pureed soya beans, Heinz baked beans. Give them both my peace and greetings

9. Mrs Karras, It is OK to have answered as you did,¹²⁹ provided you take care not to get too involved. The state of thought-free Awareness, if it brings reverence and stillness with it, is the one for her to cultivate. F¹³⁰

10. The enclosed clip about Thomsons in India may affect business?

11. Please thank Edmund for his service on Box 339: and his letters October 30 & Feb

12. He wrote that he might come to Europe in June, would meet me if possible. I expect to leave Greece the first week of June for Italy and Yugoslavia, finishing up in Switzerland towards the end of the month and staying there for several weeks. If he came in July we would more likely be able to meet, in Switzerland. Of course this is only the probable course of future movements, but wherever it is I would be pleased to meet him again... He was anxious about a letter he had forwarded to Amexco, Zurich, after I have left there, but you may inform him that I always arrange for the re-forwarding of such late mail, wherever I stay.

12. The political situation here is very bad, even¹³¹ menacing, the postoffice is in chaos due to partial strike, send no packet mail until I have settled in Switzerland, a registered letter has been lost by the P.O.¹³² here!

Well, I am pleased you got back from India smoothly,

[With peace & affection P.B.]

L42.113

113 - 116

Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Paul Brunton

Fort Lee, New Jersey

April 9, 1967

[Your letter of March 28, dear P.B. -

was very welcome. I've been under pressure and working hard this past month, with little time for relaxation.

¹²⁸ period in original, changed to comma by typist

¹²⁹ Period in original, changed to comma by typist

¹³⁰ In original

¹³¹ "very bad, even" typed above line and inserted with caret

¹³² Semi colons in original, changed to periods by typist

- 1) The Last Message was "The Best is in the Stillness; therefore seek ye Stillness."
- 2) I telephoned Mike. The cremation of Dan's body went off well. Mike has promised to ship me the P.B. papers this week. The only mention of PB he recalls Dan making recently, was that apparently you had advised him a year ago not to overdo social relationships...and he now wondered whether he could start them up again. Mike seems to be, as he put it, disconnected from Dan's death: "Dan's gone - and that is that." Larry is still in Venezuela and Dale Puckett apparently now is working in Lima, Peru.
- 3) I visited Margie & Joe {illegible} for a Sunday. They seem OK. Joe is now teaching piano! Tony recovered from his heart attack and seems back to normal.
- 4) I like Nepal and its people, but it is backward. It would be difficult to live there as a Westerner-style (apart from the expensive hotel). Political influence from China is strong, and America is pouring money in there as {illegible.} But the Chinese have built a main highway from Lhasa to Katmandu, down which then tanks could roll. I found no spirituality superstitious mixture of Hinduism & Buddhism. I visited Tibetan monastery 6 miles away, and was given audience with¹³³ 11 year-old boy claimed by monks to be "Dalai Lama." But I thought the D.L. was a grown man? I was impressed by the boy's intelligence but not by the monks. Most impressive sight was the Himalayas, and I echo your remarks about them in "Hermit."
- 5) Yes, thank you. I recouped the Swiss airtickets from London. All OK. Enclosed is NY Bank for Savings receipt for HongKong proceeds.
- 6) Thomason printing plant opened last year in India. They held off¹³⁴ official inauguration until {Lord T.} could visit. I met their English manager. Then 51% Indian partner is none other than the man who gave me so much trouble and prevented my going back to India for four years. And he's now giving them trouble - wants profits too soon!
- 7) I'll pass your messages to Edmund.
- 8) Carol has been undergoing ill health - "internal trouble" - had minor surgery in hospital this week. Mentally seems about the same. The relationship does serve as a mirror to me for my own ego and its workings - and I try to analyse it and learn from it.

With all my love,
Kenneth]

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113 - 116

Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Paul Brunton
Fort Lee, New Jersey
April 9, 1967

[Your letter of March 28, dear P.B. -
was very welcome. I've been under pressure and working hard this past month,
with little time for relaxation.

¹³³ Something marked out here

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- 1) The Last Message was "The Best is in the Stillness; therefore seek ye Stillness."
- 2) I telephoned Mike. The cremation of Dan's body went off well. Mike has promised to ship me the P.B. papers this week. The only mention of PB he recalls Dan making recently, was that apparently you had advised him a year ago not to overdo social relationships...and he now wondered whether he could start them up again. Mike seems to be, as he put it, disconnected from Dan's death: "Dan's gone – and that is that." Larry is still in Venezuela and Dale Puckett apparently now is working in Lima, Peru.
- 3) I visited Margie & Joe {illegible} for a Sunday. They seem OK. Joe is now teaching piano! Tony recovered from his heart attack and seems back to normal.
- 4) I like Nepal and its people, but it is backward. It would be difficult to live there as a Westerner-style (apart from the expensive hotel). Political influence from China is strong, and America is pouring money in there as {illegible.} But the Chinese have built a main highway from Lhasa to Katmandu, down which then tanks could roll. I found no spirituality superstitious mixture of Hinduism & Buddhism. I visited Tibetan monastery 6 miles away, and was given audience with¹³⁵ 11 year-old boy claimed by monks to be "Dalai Lama." But I thought the D.L. was a grown man? I was impressed by the boy's intelligence but not by the monks. Most impressive sight was the Himalayas, and I echo your remarks about them in "Hermit."
- 5) Yes, thank you. I recouped the Swiss airtickets from London. All OK. Enclosed is NY Bank for Savings receipt for HongKong proceeds.
- 6) Thomason printing plant opened last year in India. They held off¹³⁶ official inauguration until {Lord T.} could visit. I met their English manager. Then 51% Indian partner is none other than the man who gave me so much trouble and prevented my going back to India for four years. And he's now giving them trouble – wants profits too soon!
- 7) I'll pass your messages to Edmund.
- 8) Carol has been undergoing ill health – "internal trouble" – had minor surgery in hospital this week. Mentally seems about the same. The relationship does serve as a mirror to me for my own ego and its workings – and I try to analyse it and learn from it.

With all my love,
Kenneth]

L42.121

121 – 122

Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Paul Brunton
 Fort Lee, New Jersey
 July 2, 1967

This four-day holiday, P.B. . . .

represents a period of fasting for me, to attempt to cleanse the emotions and regenerate the body as you have outlined in SPIRITUAL CRISIS. I feel badly in need of both.

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It is also an attempt to free myself inwardly from the Carol obsession. Although weaker than previously, the infatuation has been dragging on these past six months, and we are both probably tired of it. The good has really gone from our relationship; and the opportunity to advise her no longer seems present. I realize now that the trouble is not Carol (nor Nancy nor Lois) but myself. Such situations serve to bring to the surface the latent emotional weaknesses in oneself and provide the ego with a field day in battenning onto them. The object, once secured, becomes unimportant except as a sounding board for our ego. I've been reading Fromm, and according to him I reflect sadistic tendencies in desiring to possess and to conquer and to own the other person. It certainly is not objective love. And this affair has fed upon my vanity and ego-centricity. However, I do feel Carol has made some progress with her psychological problems. So I hope to ease out the affair without creating undue karma.

In examining Dan's papers I'm somewhat reassured to learn he underwent a similar experience with Sylvia Price. I feel tremendous empathy for him! At least, it's good to learn that one's problems are not unique.

Also, with Carol, I came to realize the truth of what you once told me; that in intimacy the vibrations of the partner could be transferred to one. Although we have not been intimate since last August I came to feel many of the psychological problems she was suffering! It has been akin to a long illness, and has distorted my life in many ways, but now I am hoping to be permitted to be inwardly and outwardly free.

Enough of that!

My trip to Brazil was successful. I continue to like the country and its people. I spent a full day with Ida and Bernard at their country retreat. They are both very content and do not wish to leave Brazil (altho Ida says she might go to California if Bernard should die.) Bernard was very sorry to learn of Dan's death. They are quite comfortable there, and make a living from their poultry and gardening activities. Bernard told me Jack had invited him to go to Hongkong to set up a store there; so B. wrote and asked \$5000 plus expenses, but heard no more! Clara Waegner wrote B. she did not wish to leave USA because of her son being here. B still thinks it would have been a good idea for her.

I have gone through and sorted and read Dan's papers which Mike sent me. I enclose a listing of them, and await your instructions. It seems sad to read them all now, and realize despite all the activity there is nothing to show for it. Poor Dan.

I have brought my will up to date, and you are major legatee. So if anything should happen to me, please contact First National City Bank, Trust Department, 399 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10022 as they are my executor. How about your own will? I am ready to help further – and also on the Last Message. You were going to get the copper plate of the stationery sage figure in Zurich and send me?

P.B. may I see you this summer? I have two weeks' vacation this year and could take them in mid-September at the start of my European trip. I would, of course, be quite willing to go anywhere in Europe to be near you. Could you please let me know if this would be convenient, as I have to make my plans very soon. Thank you.

I saw your Brazilian publisher, Pensamento, in Sao Paulo. He has just published THE INNER REALITY and plans to reprint INDIA AND EGYPT. He prints 4000 copies each.

[With all my love,]

L42.123

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Telegram from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
Zurich, Switzerland
July 26, 1967

WESTERN UNION
TELEGRAM¹³⁷

W. P. MARSHALL
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD¹³⁸

R. W. McFALL
PRESIDENT¹³⁹

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This is a fast message unless its deferred character is indicated by the proper symbol.¹⁴⁰

SYMBOLS
DL - Day Letter
NL - Night Letter
LT - International Letter Telegram¹⁴¹

The filing time shown in the date line on domestic telegrams is LOCAL TIME at point of origin. Time of receipt is LOCAL TIME at point of destination¹⁴²

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SPC143 P CDU123 SNWZ151 PO23 2¹⁴³6¹⁴⁴ PD INTL CD ZOLLIKERBERG VIA
WUI 25 1800¹⁴⁵ [-Tuesday - 12 noon USA]
LT KENNETH HURST¹⁴⁶ PRENHALL
ENGLEWOODCLIFFS (NJER)
VACATION DATE GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED¹⁴⁷ [A]M STAYING
IN ZURICH UNTIL WE MEETSHALL¹⁴⁸ REPLY LETTER
TOMORROWAFFECTIONAT¹⁴⁹E
GREETINGS AND UPHOLDING THOUGHTS
BRUNTON
[Leave Saturday {illegible} Monday]¹⁵⁰

[reached me Tuesday nite - & Wed.]¹⁵¹

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125 - 128

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
Lisbon, Portugal
August 16, 1967

This is to acknowledge your letter of July 2, [and the papers 2 weeks earlier]¹⁵³ dear Kenneth, again . . . and to enlarge on my cablegram of 10 days ago.

Your suggestion that we meet for a week in late September is excellent and I can conveniently do so. BUT it would be well for you to send me an approximately exact date of your arrival in Zurich, as my own dates are still imprecise and might be clearer when I know your own.

My situation is that I recently came to Portugal and have registered the return flight to Zurich for 1st September. On the 4th I have to have a scalp cancer (skin) removed (it's not malignant) and attend the surgeon thereafter for removal stitches and after-healing observation. -This may extend for 2 or 3 weeks. I had originally thought we might go to the Lugano 8 Ascona-Locarno district for your vacation, where Alps and sun combine with tranquility. Anyway Lugano is only about 4 hours train ride from Zurich so it may yet be possible that we could do this and I could go in ZH for the day to attend the surgeon.

It is probably better to go straight off to Lugano-Locarno the day you arrive,

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¹⁴⁵ Square box around numbers handwritten

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¹⁵⁰ Handwritten on right side of telegram

¹⁵¹ Handwritten below message

¹⁵² Part of form at bottom of telegram

¹⁵³ Handwritten above line and inserted with caret

unless it is too much traveling for one day; if the latter let me know so that I can make a reservation for a night at a hotel in Zurich for both of us. I had had a reservation at a cheaper but quiet hotel but have now heard that the bathroom (the only one) they had promised will not be available, so I am privately¹⁵⁴ trying to secure one at another hotel, and await news. This is only to cover the period 1st to 8th September; from 8th to 15th I have a reservation at the costly Dolder Grand Hotel, as I have several important visitors; I want to move closer to town centre on the 15th and to a cheaper place. So please write me about your dates, if possible, and also if you want to spend the first night in Zurich itself, so I can book you a room wherever I get in: also whether it is convenient to you to spend the vacation in the Locarno area, or whether Zurich is better for you. It is not an easy month to get into hotels anywhere in Switz so after hearing from you I may have to make some reservations there.

I saw Edmund Luescher if he returns to NYC before we meet it is perhaps well for you to know that I took him to B. Leu and that he asked me to act as "Power of Attorney" in his transaction there, but that I refused. So, if you had not earlier told him that I acted for you, it would be better not to tell him.

It is also well that you send nothing to Leu or anyone else in Switz until¹⁵⁵ you have seen me as I have matters to discuss with you.

You can reach me by mail c/o Wagons Lits Cook, Galeria du Parque, 33. ESTORIL where I shall receive letters until August 26 or 27, after which I move into Lisbon and could receive them there until the 31st Aug. If I can get in, I shall stay at the Tivoli, where we stayed last year, for the few days before leaving Portugal, until then my phone No here in Estoril ~~is~~(actually in San Pedro de Estoril which is a nearby place) is 26-17-90.

PS in Zurich you can reach me by mail c/o American Express, or at the Dolder after the 8th Sep.[Bahn{illegible} 20]

[8001 Zurich]

[With Peace & Affection
P.B.]

I want to close down the Box 339 address at the end of the year or at the latest when the advance rent runs out¹⁵⁶ and Romaine has asked to do some service, since time hangs on her hands while she stays with her ailing mother, I will write her tomorrow to collect the mail so that you and Edmund will not have that chose. BUT - later - I find the code has been left at Zurich, so I shant write her until I receive it in your next letter to me.

[PPS You may, when convenient, ship in one or more packages c/o American Express ZH by cheapest route, the printed matter left in your care in Feb 1966 Thanks]

¹⁵⁴ "private" in original

¹⁵⁵ Typed above line and inserted by here by typist

¹⁵⁶ Typed above, circled and inserted with caret

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
 Estoril, Portugal
 August 20, 1967

PAUL BRUNTON¹⁵⁷ [c/o Wagon lits Cook, Galinadu Parque, 33, Estoril]

In completion of my letter of 4 days ago, dear Kenneth Please note these corrections:

1/ In the itinerary sent me last April you mentioned "a week in late September" but in your letter of July 2 you say "2¹⁵⁸ weeks in midSeptember" I did not notice the contradiction until after I had written you. You are quite welcome, and I am glad if you can spend the 2 weeks with me. In that case there is no need to rush out of Zurich after your journey: you can stay for a day, and if you wish I could phone the Glass family and they could certainly invite you, and me, for dinner for the ~~night~~ evening of your arrival.

As soon as I learn the exact date you propose arriving in Zurich I would make a reservation for you at the same hotel into which I shall move on Sept 15th (from the Dolder). I have just had news from 2 hotels. So please inform me 1/ date of arrival in Zurich 2/ whether you wish to stay in the city for 1, 2, or 3 nights (you will have to stay another night at the end of your visit, if we go to the Lugano area) *3/ whether it will be a one week or 2 week visit, so that I can make reservations for you at hotel I choose for myself. Thanks.

2/ About Carol, it needs personal discussion, so please leave the matter until we meet. (I recently learned that Barbara Fish's mother died and she is selling out of the house) I asked Romaine to help her out a little, as Barbara seems a dreamer and impractical.

3/ I don't like the idea of psychoanalysis but that too should wait for discussion

4/ thank you for the inclusion in your will. My own will can have final discussion when we meet, also the plate for stationery

5/ Dan's papers. I would like to see the Hutzler, Pulyan correspondence. Destroy the PB correspondence, throw away the key to Continental Illinois deposit, try to get the Shankara book for your own use, or bring it if you like for our study. I would like the file of Centrum correspondence and material (Victor Danes). My official entry, tax, financial papers should be destroyed too. I would like to have the few letters from Sarira Wesselman (She died too early this year)

6/ You remember we saw a shop window featuring O Pen-Samento publications. Do you know the name & address[?] [Brazil]

7/ As you know, I shall move into Lisbon about the 26th August, and stay there until my flight to Zurich on 1st September. So please send no mail to Cooks, of Estoril which arrives later than 25th August. I shall send you my Lisbon hotel, and Zurich hotel, names in a day or two.]

[P.S. Since writing this letter, I have now received OK reservation from Zurich at

¹⁵⁷ Letterhead

¹⁵⁸ Beginning quotation mark added by typist

Hotel Excelsior, DUFOURstrasse, 24, 8008 Zurich for the 1st September to 8th Sept. period – phone (051)-34-25-00. Cables: “EXcelsIORHOTEL”]

[With Peace & Affection
P.B.]

[In Lisbon, I shall pick up mail at Wagons lits Cooks, Avenida da LIBERDADE, 93/103 as the hotel there has not yet been secured.]

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133 – 134

Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Paul Brunton
Fort Lee, New Jersey
August 21, 1967

Your cable was a beacon of hope, dear P.B. . . .
and your August 16 letter arrived tonight and I hasten to reply. I am sorry to hear about your scalp problem.

I am very happy we can spend a week together, and the Lugano area sounds ideal. I can leave here the evening of September 15 and arrive by direct flight to Zurich on Saturday the 16th. However, I don't know if this would suit you as you mention moving on the 15th? If it would be more convenient for you I could come a week later and arrive on September 23. I have to be in London by September 30. So could you please let me know whether the 16th or 23rd would be preferable for you so I can make my bookings? Perhaps a brief cable would save time as there are only a few weeks left. Please determine date to suit your convenience. Simultaneously, please then make necessary bookings from either date. I would prefer to spend one night in Zurich after arrival to rest after the Atlantic flight, and then proceed to Lugano the following day, if you are agreeable. So it would be fine to spend one night at whichever hotel you are staying at in Zurich. So I leave it to you, and am grateful for your making arrangements.

I had not told Edmund that you ~~acted~~ acted as my Power of Attorney, and of course will not do so now.

I shall ship the printed matters this weekend to Zurich.

The box code is 1) Turn 3 circles Right to between E & F
2) Turn Left one complete circle to between B & C
3) Turn Right to F – and open
4) After closing box turn Right 2 full circles.

Rent is paid up until June 30, 1968.

I am sending copies of this letter to Estoril, Lisbon and Zurich – to be sure of reaching you!

I shan't burden you with details, P.B. but I seem to be at a nadir in every way. My complexes are stripped open since the discovery about myself and the open psychological wound is festering; I seem to be reflecting most of the problems Carol claims and now I think I'm in as bad a state as she is. My old back trouble has returned and I am taking daily treatments for it. Things are going badly at the office and my spirit has been crushed (I was also turned down for a raise). The Indian operation goes from bad to worse and reflects unfavorably on me. I am burdened with a sense of hopelessness – aggravated by the study of Dan's papers and the seeming futility of his life and efforts – and by the realization of Buddha's teaching. All seems ashes to my gaze. And I suspect the LSD experience has opened the gate to something or other. I'm unable to mediate – or even think positively. I can only pray for help. Sorry to be so gloomy, but the past six weeks have been traumatic and I feel all turned inside-out.

Well, if it weren't for you and the quest I would contemplate suicide, but I know that that is no solution.

Riley by my side is more cheerful, and joins me in sending you sincere love.

[Devotedly,
Kenneth]

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135 – 136

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
Estoril, Portugal
August 25, 1967

~~HOTEL ALGARVE~~
~~PRAIA DA ROCHA~~¹⁵⁹
[Estoril] PORTUGAL

Your letter August 21, dear Kenneth . . .

Yes Yes, please arrive Zurich 16th September that will be OK with me. I shall make hotel bookings and let you know later their names.

I am keeping the two weeks until end of Sept open until I hear whether you will stay in Switz one week, 10 days or 2 weeks – any of these periods suits me.

Peace – Shanti – Peace!

[I leave Estoril 30/31 August, arrive Zurich 1st Sept & stay till 8th at Hotel Excelsior, Dufourstrasse, until then I move to
P.B.]

TELEFONES: PORTIMAO 1101/12 – TELEGRAMAS: ALGARVOTEL¹⁶⁰

¹⁵⁹ Letterhead marked out and Estoril added by hand

¹⁶⁰ Part of letterhead form at bottom of page

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Letter from Kenneth Hurst

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Fort Lee, New Jersey
August 27, 1967

I am very happy it's O.K. to spend the two weeks of my vacation with you. As you suggest a few days in Zurich before going to Lugano this would be very convenient as I would like to do some shopping and some financial transactions on the Monday. Therefore, I propose:

1. I fly from here evening of Friday September 15 straight to Zurich, arriving Saturday morning Sept. 16. We stay Zurich until Tuesday morning, Sept 19, and then go to Lugano that day. This would give us 3 nights in Zurich. If this is acceptable, could you please make a reservation for me at the same hotel you'll be staying at.
2. I would leave Switzerland for London on Friday September ~~30~~ 29.
3. A curry dinner with Eva and Beau would be delightful treat!
4. If above is acceptable to you, could you please make all the necessary reservations, as I presume it is faster from your end? I know you are acquainted with the Lugano area. Incidentally, I've heard that Ascona is smaller and less-crowded and prettier, with nice walks, than Lugano city?
5. I shall go ahead and book my air tickets this week for flight to Zurich on evening of Sept. 15 - and onto London on Sept. ~~30~~ 29. Therefore, it is not necessary for you to cable me unless, for any reason, it is not convenient for me to arrive on the 16th and you wish me to delay arrival. A brief airletter confirmation would be welcome.
6. Please forgive gloomy tone of my August 21 letter. I feel better now. No doubt it is the anticipation of seeing you soon! I am looking forward to it.
7. I have Pensamento publisher address at office and will send you next week. I can tell you all about him when we meet.
8. I will send one copy of this letter to Cooks, Lisbon, and one copy to Amex Zurich. As I wish to catch the Sunday post deadline, I will keep this letter brief.
9. On my return from post, I'll get your printed matter papers from the storage and arrange to ship them next week. I'll also sort out Dan's papers, and send you the ones you wish to see.
10. Edmund phoned yesterday. I will see him this coming Friday for dinner (but will be careful not to mention the power of Attorney). He said he is going to write you with another suggested hotel for your use while in Zurich --- I told him you would be going back there soon and to write there.
11. There has been no Box 339 mail at all during past month!

I am looking forward greatly to being with you again, and appreciate your forbearance of my emotional problems. I hope to improve.

Riley has jumped into my lap which undoubtedly means he knows I am writing to you and wishes to send you his love also!

Devotedly,

[Kenneth]

[Later

I've gone thru Dan's papers, and as you've requested,

(1) I've destroyed all tax and financial and reentry papers

(2) I'll send you via firstclass seaimail the Hutzler, Wesselman, Dane & Pulyan correspondence.

(3) Will bring "The Crest Jewel" with me to Zurich

(4) Have destroyed the Continental Deposit key and file

Will hold the remainder pro tem.

(5) I have your carton of printed matter and will ship it from office this week.

All will go to you via Amex, Zurich.

Love, Kenneth

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145 - 146

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst

Lisbon Airport, Lisbon, Spain

September 1, {1967}

[Your letter of 27 August, dear Kenneth . . .

This confirms your arrival in Zurich on 16 Sept. I have written for a reservation for you at Hotel Excelsior, Dufourstrasse.

This also agrees with your proposal to stay in Zurich until Tuesday a.m. 19th and go to Ticino ~~pro~~ Kanton that day. I will make the later reservations ~~in~~ from¹⁷⁹ Zurich, and may ~~go~~ omit Lugano or Ascona; I shall know better after I have telephoned the hotels in Ticino and know what is available.

I wrote to Romain to clear Bx 339

I move back to Excelsior on the 15th from Dolder Grand.

You might also send, from Dan's papers those concerning Bernard & Jacques Masson.

With Peace. PB

Excuse paper - just catching plane, all packed]

¹⁷⁹ written above line and inserted with caret

L42.147

147 - 150

Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Paul Brunton
Fort Lee, New Jersey
September 6, 1967

[Thank you, dear P.B. ...

For your August 25 note from Estoril, Sept. 1 letter from Lisbon airport, and your letter confirming hotel addresses received today at office from Zurich.

Thank you very much for making all the arrangements so promptly and effectively.

I am booked on Swissair flight 113 leaving Sept 15 arriving Sept 16 at Zurich at 9:25 am. I shall go straight to Hotel Excelsior, check in and await to hear from you at your convenience.

I saw Edmund last Friday - and Erna last Tuesday. Nothing important - I'll hold reports on the meetings for our personal discussion.

Tonight I arranged the B & J Masson papers from Dan's files - and will seamail c/o Omex, Zurich.

Your carton of books and magazines left with me in 1966 has been shipped (also to Amex, Zurich) in 4 packages - to avoid customs clearance, etc. by you at that end. I'm assured you'll receive them without hindrance.

Enclosed was in Box 339 last Friday.

E. L. and I will now leave box clearance to Romaine.

Carol was hospitalized 10 days ago but better¹⁸⁰ with nervous breakdown - still there. I'm seeing her doctor Friday to try to obtain details. They expect to release her this weekend.

Despite advance planning, last-minute rush is starting to build up. - as usual before a trip.

I am looking forward to seeing you.

Until then,
Devotedly,
Kenneth]

L42.151

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¹⁸⁰ "but better" written above line

Letter from Kenneth Hurst
Fort Lee, New Jersey

[Remitting funds overseas]

(1) H. tells FNCB, NYC, to remit \$1000 airmail bank transfer to FNCB, Rome payable to B on identification. (cc to B)

(2) 10 days later B goes to FBCB, Rome – identifies self.

(3) Bank gives B cashier's check for \$2000.

(4) B can endorse on the spot, and collect the cash. (He must sign)

It does not go thru B's U.K. bank acct.]

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153 – 154
Letter from Kenneth Hurst
Fort Lee, New Jersey

[Tony]

10 copies paperback P Brunton Search in Secret India
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2 each of all the Hardcover titles available
Foundations of Tibetan Mysticism Govinda
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Heritage of Buddhism Sthavira
The Serpent of Paradise Serrano
Way of the White Clouds Govinda
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An Introduction to Buddhist Meditation Chi
Chan & Zen Teaching 1, 2, 3, series
The Suragama Sutra
The Secrets of Chinese Meditation C Luk
Zen Teaching of Huang Po
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Mind Unshaken Walters
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Initiations & Initiates Neel
The Superhuman Life of Gesar Ling D Neel
An Experiment in Mindfulness Shattock
Hatha Yoga Bernard

Land of a Thousand Buddhas Bernard
The Wheel of Life Blofield

Of course many of these may be o.p., but it should give the agent an idea. I'll work through one publisher at the time if he wishes. There are philosophical titles such as the Muirhead Library of Philosophy etc. For the present I'm playing by ear.

Also specify method of payment

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155 - 156
Paul Brunton Note

[PB has Mars in Horoscope in 12th house - affecting Home life

- (1) No permanent Home, wandering
- (2) Trouble with physical House, neighbors, etc.]

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157 - 158
Telegram from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
Zurich, Switzerland
December 23, 1967

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM¹⁸¹
W. P. MARSHALL
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD¹⁸²

R. W. McFALL
PRESIDENT¹⁸³

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159 - 160

Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Paul Brunton
Fort Lee, New Jersey
January 7, 1968

Your thoughtfulness in sending your Christmas cable, dear P.B.

was very much appreciated. I passed along your greeting to Edmund. He is now away on a Caribbean holiday.

All is well with me. I have no complaints! Thanks to your Grace I am maintaining inner composure and goodwill. And I am most grateful for all my blessings.

I leave in a month for India. Itinerary attached. Please let me know if I can do any service for you.

I called the Hutchinsons last week to wish them a Happy New Year. They are well and leaving for four months in England. Hesper sends her deep love to you as always.

I call Romaine occasionally. She seems all right and coping with life adequately. I'll take her out before I leave.

Thanks to your wise counsel I'm able to hold on to higher perspective about Carol. I

¹⁸⁶ Printed below everything above with line extending to the edge of the page

¹⁸⁷ "BRUMTON" in original

¹⁸⁸ Part of form at bottom of telegram

give her "positive thinking" advice in office, but have refrained from seeing her outside. I find the situation now draws out the nobler part of my nature, and I'm (as always) in your debt for explaining the problem. I also see now that the "sadistic" tendencies were mostly a reflection from her, and did not really belong to me. It is a wonderful feeling, is it not, to deal from the higher part of one's being and to experience true goodwill to others? I hope I can develop it.

Enclosed are typed Mantrim notes from Tessin. Please pardon typing errors.

I have not seen Nancy since early November. (Hopefully) I feel up to controlling this situation also! Well, these experiences do enable us to grow; it's a pity that blindly we "learn the hard way" when it could be so easy.

The economic problems mounting in Europe and in USA (most economists here expect dollar devaluation after next November's presidential election), coupled with race riots, population growth problems, all combine to remind me you warned that even if nuclear Armageddon were avoided that there were other ways to force the world to face up to the errors of its thinking. So I am concentrating on trying to follow your counsel on p. 50 of DISCOVER YOURSELF of good will, right attitude and inner service.

{illegible}¹⁸⁹ imagine the reason for your presence in Rome, and I wish {illegible}¹⁹⁰ with the situation. Devotedly & gratefully,

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Telegram from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
Rome, Italy
January 24, 1967

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM¹⁹¹

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PRENHALL

ATTN KENNETH HURST¹⁹²

IMPORTANT MEET SOON UNABLE TRAVEL AFTER PRAGUE CAN TAKE
FLIGHT ONETHIRTY ROME ARRIVE DELHI EIGHTEENTH FEBRUARY

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Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst

Rome, Italy

January 30, 1968

[This acknowledges your letters of 1967,

1) September 30, Oct 19 (Dutch P.G.), 9 Oct, Nov 7, Dec 3 and¹⁹³ Jan 7. 68 plus lovely colors Xmas card plus Olympia machine details. It also expresses thanks for the thoughtfulness in sending the tie clip replacement, and for the Damart underwear. The latter is alright for size but in wear it did not prove warmer than ordinary flannel, still it is animal wool free, which I appreciate, also Vegetarian Hotel Book and {Beattle} clip - The Italian phrase book has been a godsend

2) First I want to think you again for the generous hospitality at Locarno, and enjoyable too. Next the Astor Hotel was very comfortable, modern, clean, kindly, so I stayed there 3 months. But the meals proved too limited so I ate elsewhere. It is central in situation and was very¹⁹⁴ convenient.

3) Yes, I feel the Nancy chapter was to be closed, since it would not be beneficial to you but could lead to serious trouble. So please heed, as you say.

4) As regards the Swiss situation about which you talked to Edmund, I agree that it is better to let things remain as they are, which I too am doing

5) Yes I was caught by devaluation of £ despite several warning memos I had written to PB! But I was caught only 2 weeks before the date I intended to get action. Your company has had quite a blow. It shows that Britain's future is dark economically. Yes if you can take Romaine out before you leave, please do so, but don't tell her about my illness.

(6) I would have come to Rome anyway for other reasons than the one you rightly guess, chiefly climatic. But the oily food soon laid me low, as it always does, when I always return again to the strict diet. But this time the couple of days sickness (usual) did not pass. Instead I got worse; then all appetite ceased. I could eat nothing, subsisted on very weak China green tea; the intestinal tract went dead from both ends. I took to my bed of course and stayed there 10 days, each day getting

¹⁹³ Written above line and inserted with a caret

¹⁹⁴ Written above line and inserted with a caret

weaker; finally when I became really alarmed, I prayed. A remarkable inner visionary & felt experience followed next day which restored hope strongly. A motherly practical experienced Roman lady {illegible} a Greek came to my rescue by taking me to a clinic near her place. There in a private hospital I got the best, kindly, efficient care, with one of the best doctors I've met. He enabled me turn the corner and started to remove the bad symptoms one by one. I feel immensely better, hunger returned, I eat ravenously, and intestines active. But of course I am still weak, but convalescing. Doctor thinks I shall be out and about in less than two weeks, i.e., before you arrive.

7) This poses a problem. I do not know into which hotel I shall go, so cannot send you the name before you (or I) leave. The out seems to be this: You arrive Friday. I shall send a written note for the message board at airport, also have you paged. But in case those miss, I shall leave the hotel address with Cooks "Mail Dept" who, if you phone them, close about 5:30 pm{illegible} And Saturday 12 midday. Finally, my clinic where I might possibly but unlikely, still be, is - P (2)

Casa di Cura Villa Carla
Via {illegible} GIORDANO, 8,
Ang. VIA BERTOLONI ; (Parioli) Roma,
Telephone 877-641.

I shall leave my hotel address with the Clinic, There is ~~someone~~

(8) someone in the clinic's office who speaks English while the lady doctor directress speaks French. So you will be informed. If however I know early enough shall I send a message to mother, written in duplicate¹⁹⁵ or cabled and save all this, except the message board one at airport as insurance?

I assure you that I feel enormously better and expect to be quite well when you arrive. So don't be anxious!

With peace and affection,
Always P.B.

P.S. (1) Of course, your hotel reservation will be at my own hotel.

(2) Thos. Cook & Son's phone # is 479-441]

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MR. KENNETH T. HURST
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¹⁹⁶ Printed on form

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FORT LEE, New Jersey, 07024
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Telegram from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
Rome, Italy
February 10, 1968

POST OFFICE TELEGRAM¹⁹⁸
Prefix. Time handed in. Office of Origin and Service Instruction. Words.¹⁹⁹

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GIORDANO 8 TEL 877641 HIS RESERVATION HOTEL DEI PINI VIA SIACCI 2

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¹⁹⁸ Printed form. Picture of crown in between POST and OFFICE

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169 - 172

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst

Rome, Italy

February 12, 1968

[Dear Kenneth,

This is confirm the cable I sent²⁰³ on Feb 9 to Mother to inform you of following: 1) Your hotel reservation for 16th & 17th Feb has been made at Hotel DEI PINI, VIA SIACCI, 2. Roma. It is quite small but is just round the corner almost!) from the private hospital where I am a patient. The doctor won't release me before some time next week, after you have left Europe. But my improvement in health continues, only my strength has still to be built up slowly

2) My hospital is "CASA DI CURA, VILLA CARLA, VIA F, GIORDANO, 8; ANG. VIA BERTOLONI (PARIOLI) ROMA. Telefon 877-641. My room number is 541. (There is a telephone next to my bed)

3) I am so pleased you were able to rearrange your travel itinerary yet still attend to your business affairs as before!

Until we meet

With Peace & Affection,

P.B.

P.S.

{illegible}
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Telegram from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst

Rome, Italy

{January 12, 1968}

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM²⁰⁴

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PRENHALL

ATTN KENNETH HURST²⁰⁵

IMPORTANT MEET SOON UNABLE TRAVEL AFTER PRAGUE CAN TAKE
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ONETHIRTY ROME ARRIVE²⁰⁶ DELHI EIGHTEENTH FEBRUARY

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Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst

Rome, Italy

February 25, 1968

[WAS ABOUT TO BE DISCHARGED IN 2 DAYS from Clinica Villa Carla as cured, and to look for hotel, when a new and different symptom appeared suddenly! My feet, ankles and legs have swollen. The doctor here has confined me to bed again, won't let me walk about, and being a bit baffled, called in a Professor, who has found all my organs in sound condition, especially the heart, of which a cardiogram was recorded. They think I lack protein on my diet so am getting high protein injections (non-animals!) and new medicines, and think the condition will pass away in a few days, when I can be discharged.

(2) So I cannot furnish a hotel address until I have been set free cured! In case you are able to re-arrange itinerary to visit with me again, even a few hours, longer if you can, on way to London, you will be welcome. As the Clinic & Cook & Son are the only addresses here you can write me, dear Kenneth, if you are able to come to Rome (on the Clinic address avoid all confidential topics, deal only with the itinerary, and with our possible meeting) I can have you paged at the stable²⁰⁷ airport if you furnish details necessary. Anyway I shall leave the hotel address & phone #²⁰⁸ with the Clinic & with Cooks Mail Dept.

Write me briefly anyway as soon as you know definitely whether or not the visit stop over here will be possible.

²⁰⁵ Handwritten circle around name

²⁰⁶ "ARRRIVE" - in original

²⁰⁷ Circled by hand

²⁰⁸ Written below line, circled, and inserted with an arrow

With Peace & Affection
P.B.

Mr. Kenneth Hurst
c/o Prentice-Hall of India Ltd.
M-97 Aggarwal Building
Connaught Circus
New Delhi (I
INDIA]

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Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
Casa di Cura Villa Carla (Room 541)
Via F. GIORDANO, 8,
Ang. VIA BERTOLONI
(Parioli) Rome, Italy
March 2, 1968

[Tel
877.641

TYPE

This is just a note, dear Kenneth ____
to tell you that I am still at the Clinic and that the physician has instructed them to
release me Wednesday 6th - Thursday 7th March - not before. (I guess this means
Thursday) My condition has improved steadily, the swelling has largely gone but he
is very thorough and wants a full care, of which rest for the upraised feet was part.²⁰⁹
I have not been able to go out to collect mail, and a reply from you, if there is one to
my letter 25 Feb to New Delhi (P-H. Co).²¹⁰ But I shall be able to visit Cooks Monday
4 March. Nor have I any hotel in view yet.

Having been an inmate of this institution for over 5 weeks, it has become
tedious but the physician, whose advice I respect, would not let me leave this week
despite my request.

So, if you have been able to ~~make~~ arrange a stop here again, however, short,
you will be welcome.

With Peace & Affection
P.B.

Mr. Kenneth Hurst

²⁰⁹ "the upraised feet was part." written in margin and inserted with an arrow

²¹⁰ Period added by typist

Park Hotel
Istanbul
Turchia]

L42.179

179 - 180

Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Rene Saravis
Fort Lee, New Jersey
March 18, 1968

Mr. Rene Saravia
First Secretary of the
Embassy of El Salvador
2308 California St. N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20008

Dear Mr. Saravia,

Our mutual friend, Dr. Brunton, told me about your October 20 letter to him when I saw him last week in Europe.

You may recall you and I have had some correspondence a few years ago when I was handling the box 339 mail.

Dr. Brunton suggests it might be interesting to both of us to have a chat some time. I do go to Washington occasionally on business; I will let you know ahead of time of my next visit.

Meantime, if you plan to visit New York, please do let me know so we can arrange a meeting.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Thurston Hurst
Vice President and General Manager

KTH/cfa

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181 - 182

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
Rome, Italy
March 24, 1968

Mail c/o Thos. Cook. I reside at Hotel Flora, 191 Via V.Veneto, am considering renting an apartment until my return to Suisse 1st July.

Two letters posted by you in India, dear Kenneth...
arrived after you left me!

Yes I was discharged from the Clinic as cured and am now back to normal living, eating and strength, but there is a legacy of a swollen vein running through the calf of each leg: not bad enough to be varicose veins but still enough to weaken them, so that the physician prescribed elastic stockings. They are for walking and standing only. However they are a nuisance. Perhaps you could enquire for the following: There is a ladies stocking called "Supp-Hose which combines the two functions of support and appearance. I wonder if a similar item is made for men so that a single stocking would do the same (or half-hose, since it finishes below the knee) instead of having to wear double -one on the other. It (Supp-hose" is made by the Kayser-Roth Co. If so, I would send measurement size for an experimental pair. Thanks.

Now Evangeline-Noel has supplied the dates of the family's absence on vacation. They leave on July 15th and return on 15th August. This yields a whole month. But there is a snag. There is a German woman with a child coming to work for them next month as a help with Melody and the house. She takes her holiday from July 15 to August 1st then she returns and finishes it in the apartment when the family return. She worked some years ago for them but they could not get on with her and parted: they are better friends now so will try again. I met her and found her difficult and am not sure whether I want to stay there while she is there. I will have to consider it. On sunny days she spends several hours on the beach with her child so if we could be away in the evenings it might be endurable.

Anyway I suggest you arrive on the 16th July, the day after Eva leaves so that all will be organized by then. Secondly I will have to enquire for Beau's permission, as I have not told them yet, and to ensure that the bedroom space will be OK. By the time this is done I will make my decision as hotel space is hard to secure in summer if left too late, and I would make reservations for the ~~July~~ August period and²¹¹ early September.

So I shall let you know as soon as possible about the August 1st decision & arrangement. Anyway we shall certainly be able to have two weeks minimum at the apartment and you are welcome there.

I have not decided yet about getting a permanent permit to stay in Italy, nor have I been to the ~~British~~ [BRITISH] Consul to make the enquiries for you and myself, but plan going there in 2 or 3 days' time. Congratulations on PH successful year under your administration!

With Peace and Affection, and Thanks,

[P.B.]

[P.S. Merely to remain here until 1 July, I have to get a special prolongation requiring financial means evidence. So the 'support' letters would be very useful if you could send them at once]

²¹¹ Written above line

L42.183

183 - 184
Letter from Kenneth Hurst
Fort Lee, New Jersey
March 29, 1968

Minister of Foreign Affairs
Rome, Italy

Dear Sir,

This letter is to confirm that I guarantee to remit such sums as may be necessary for the financial support of my father, Dr. Paul Brunton, for as long as he resides in Italy.

I guarantee to remit such amounts as may be necessary to meet his living expenses – and further guarantee that at no time would he lack for such funds.

Yours very truly,

Kenneth Thurston Hurst
Vice President and General Manager

KTH/cfa

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185 - 186
Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
Rome, Italy
March 30, 1968

[Your letter of the 18th March, dear Kenneth –

- 1) Many thanks for the bank letters & tongue scrapers.
- 2) Have you received my letter 24 March? If so, and in completion, I decided to remain at Zollikerberg into August's first two weeks if German Mother's Help is at all tolerable. So now you have the dates there from 16 July. You will be certainly able to stay there until {illegible} August. Then most probably until I leave in August 7-15th depending on space available there and Beau's permit.
- 3) Yes I feel well (aside from the weakness in the feet)
- 4) I have rented an apartment and move out of Flora Hotel on 2 April (Tuesday). The address will be given by my next. So expect to remain Rome until 30 June, when my permit expires.

Glad you were able to come here again, and hope you will enjoy! Zollikerberg. As you know the address there will be c/o Glass, RIEHOLZstrasse 60, 8125 Zollikerberg.

With Peace & Affection
PB]

L42.187

187 - 188

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
Via della Camilluccia, 341 (appartamento 18)
La Storta, Rome, Italy
April 22, 1968

[Yours of March 18, 31, & Easter & further Bank letters of 29 March²¹² dear Kenneth – It is settled then that you arrive 16 July and will stay at the Glass' apt, at least until end of July, with me. As you mention, that ~~up to~~ until²¹³ August 3rd you can certainly stay, I will stay at the apartment²¹⁴ until then too. I have not heard yet about the August 3 onwards period, perhaps it would be prudent for you to write for a hotel reservation in Zurich and cancel it later, when situation is more definite. That Aug 3 onward period usually finds hotels full in Z so advance booking is essential if you wish or can, if necessary²¹⁵ stay in Zurich then. ~~I am not able to make reser-~~ The Astor Hotel on Weinbergstrasse, where you stayed once has put up its rates, so I suggest the WALDHAUS DOLDER, KURHAUSstrasse 18, whose situation halfway up the hill on whose summit the older Grand Hotel stands, accessible to city centre and cooler in summer.

(2) Re supp hose, my sock size is 10½, and shoe size is 8 (U.S.A measure) ~~but perhaps~~ and length of leg is 10 inches. If graded also by width of calf get a wide pair, as I don't like too much tightness. Thanks. (3) The tongue cleaners from India, altho inferior to the Geneva ones, a I like because handy for travel so please keep ½ dozen to bring with to Zurich or to post earlier if you prefer. I shall also write Geneva to order a ½ dozen for you meanwhile. (4) I went to the British Consulate here and found a difficult person on the staff who dealt with me, it's a woman. She insisted that you should make your enquiries from New York Consulate so I suppose you will have to, perhaps a phone call. I drew blank with my request, too. She seemed frustrated and irritable. (5) You may use my apartment address for mail until 25th June: my permit to stay here expires 30 June on which date I make exit from Italy D.V.

With peace & affection P.B.

P.S. Health is good, except for leg veins

Body Height is about 5 ft 2 ½]²¹⁶

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189 - 192

Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Paul Brunton
Fort Lee, New Jersey
April 28, 1968

[Dear P.B.

²¹² 'further Bank letters of 29 March' written above line and inserted with a caret

²¹³ "that until" written after August 3 and inserted with caret

²¹⁴ "aptnment" in original

²¹⁵ "if necessary" written above line and circled, not clear where it is meant to be inserted.

²¹⁶ Written in left margin of page

Thank you for your letter of the 22nd.

(1) I bought the support socks yesterday and will seamail them c/o Cooks²¹⁷ tomorrow. Each pair is a different brand –per enclosed leaflets. So you can test and let me know which you prefer (if they do help). I got one pair grey – and one blue – for easy identification. Either I was confused before, or they’ve simplified the size choice down to hosiery size only. So I got 10 ½. They don’t have calf width but 10 ½-12 is spectrum of size, so perhaps this will allow some little room. Please let me know how you like them. I can buy more to bring with me in July.

(2) I’ll bring more Indian tongue scrapers to ~~July~~ Zurich.

(3) I’m sorry, but I completely forgot why we are making enquiries at the British Consulate! Can you please jog my memory!

(4) Yes, it’s definite, I’ll arrive in Zurich on July 16 and stay at Glass apartment until August 3. I’m writing Waldhaus Dolder Hotel for reservation Aug 3-9, as you suggest. However it may be necessary for me to return to London on business for a few days before returning to USA to check on progress of our new warehouse (which is also major reason for my pre-Zurich visit to London July 8-14). So I can’t say exactly until we meet in Zurich. But, at least we can be sure of 3 weeks together definitely at the Glass apt. And that’s a week longer than we had last year. So I count myself fortunate! Could you please give me the telephone number at the Glass apt in case of an emergency call necessary by the office in USA or London?

5) I leave Tuesday on my trip to South America. Will return June 1. I’m looking forward to Brasil again, as I like it very much. Also to getting away from my desk, as I’ve been working too hard and been too obsessed by it. I received a letter from Bernard inviting me to visit them; but it’s 5 hour bus ride from Sao Paulo so I don’t know if I’ll have time. He says he “has a surprise for”. He little knows you’ve already informed me.

(6) Master Riley is curled up in my briefcase. He likes the rustle of the papers!

(7) Saravia phoned me from Washington. We’ll try to meet in June.

(8) I’m very glad your health is OK apart from legs. I hope the support socks help.

I’m looking forward to our reunion in July!

All my love, Kenneth]

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193 – 194

Letter from Paul Brunton

Rome, Italy

June 13, 1968

[1) The phone # of GLASS apt is Zurich²¹⁸ Prefix for Overseas use. 051, then Zurich local. 63-73-06 for your office use later. Intend write at²¹⁹ length in 2 days.

2) My mail address is (apartamento 18)

²¹⁷ “c/o Cooks” written above line and inserted with caret

²¹⁸ Written above line and inserted with a caret

²¹⁹ Written above line and inserted with caret

Via della CAMILLUCIA, 341, 00135 Roma
(The district "La Storta" is not correct (previously given you))

3) 29 June is the last day to receive mail as I leave Italy (DV) for Austria. The next address is not yet known.

Peace & Affection
P.B.]

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195 - 198

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
Via della Camillucia, 341,
(Appartamento 18)
00135, Rome, Italy
June 22, 1968

²²⁰The latest letter received from you, dear Kenneth . . .
is dated June 16, and before that came (May 13,)²²¹ April 28, May 4, (P.c. from
Venezuela) and (postcard from Rio,)²²² the seamailed Stockings samples.

I wrote you by aerogram ~~about the same time you did the same~~ on 13 June so it
should be with you by now ~~or a day or so later~~. I can't trace the copy so if some
items are duplicated in this letter, you'll understand.

(1) La Storta is incorrect in my address, so omit. Zipcode above is correct form
(2) British consulate, to ascertain if you could carry two passports for dual
nationality, but as mentioned they were unhelpful and said to ask New York British
Consulate!

(3) The German woman has reformed according to Eva-Noel, and is now easy to get
on with. All due to love! She wants very much to marry a certain man who studies
Eric Fromm, and he has put her on the higher path. So that problem melts away.

(4) Re Mr and Mrs {Gides} there may have to be some change here partly²²³ because
of changes this year in England, but it is complicated so we can better discuss it in
person. Bring the ten things for them, anyway.

²²⁴(5) The same applies to my proposed application to Italian Ministry. I have made
some visits to them and have all the information but the longer I stay here, the more
I find unhealthy conditions for food and living. I have to reconsider Southeast
Switzerland again but anyway they told me at the Ministry I can apply and get the
Permit while staying in Zurich, if I want to. Also the form of letter of support may
need revision, according to advice given me by a friendly official, so please bring
with you to Europe several sheets of best letterhead

²²⁰ There are checkmarks in the left margin next to each paragraph and number in this letter.

²²¹ Parentheses handwritten around May 13

²²² Parentheses in front of "postcard" but no ending parentheses, we have inserted them
after "Rio,".

²²³ Typed above line and inserted by typist

²²⁴ Handwritten "?" and "S" in left margin.

(6) Stockings: I have tested both brands. Please bring: BURLINGTON, 1 pair Dark Olive, 1 Pair Dark Grey. SUPPHOSE: 1 pair black, 1 pair dark olive.²²⁵ Sizes Burlington's regular (10/11½) suits my feet. Supphose do not mention sizes in their leaflet, but my sock size is 10½. Comments: Style 100 is²²⁶ printed on Burlington's socks. Does this mean they have different styles.²²⁷ If so, what? (b) Burlington sock were much longer then Supphoses. Former are suited to tall men, whereas Supphose²²⁸ length is correct for me. If Burlington have shorter lengths, please prefer them. Thanks! These stocking are a vast improvement on the uncomfortable old fashioned ones I am delighted with the change

[6a) Am keeping well but stick rigorously to oil free diet]

(para 7) The time has come to close down Box 339. I will inform Romaine also when I write her shortly, but I don't know whether she will be in New York then, as she has been staying with her sister in Carolina and intends to stay with Tony subsequently. Presumably she has the keys, which will have to be returned, I'll tell her. But it may be that the contract with P.O. requires you to close box, I don't know. Letters are to be returned to sender: in that way, they will be forced to learn of the change and can always reach me as they did in the beginning: c/o {Dutton}.

(8) Post and telegraph workers here have threatened to go on strike, so unless it is essential don't write here again, except in duplicate to another country. (9) Present plans are to leave early 30 June by rail for Austria. I have not had a reply yet re my hotel reservation there, but I could be reached as follows:

c/o BIANCA LUSSI, Roseggerstrasse, 43,

A-6020, INNSBRUCK, Austria. (Tirol)

But I leave there early July 7 for Zurich, where I stay at Hotel Waldhaus Dolder. Kurhausstrasse, 18, 8032 Zurich

(9) I sent you Glass' phone #. Here it is again: 63-73-06; ~~I believe~~ The prefix for overseas use is (051)

(10) When you arrive Zurich please take a taxi to Glass address, where I should be in residence, expecting you. Please send a PC from London stating the name of airline and flight # and time due so I can phone airport to learn if on time.

[I presume you have Glass mail address; but it is

Rietholzstrasse 60

8125 Zollikerberg

I look forward to the meeting

Tat Tvam Asi !

With Peace and Affection

P.B.

P.S. Give my cordial greetings to Mother and Len.]

²²⁵ Two checkmarks in front of "1 pair dark olive. Also at bottom of page "+1 Charcoal (Supphose), + 1 Gray {illegible} \$2)" written with line drawn to "2 pair dark olive."

²²⁶ Circled and handwritten words "Stock No." written at bottom of page and drawn to "Style 100" by a line

²²⁷ Handwritten circle around "styles" and word "No" drawn to it by a line

²²⁸ Handwritten "MED. REGULAR showed {illegible}" drawn to "Supphose" by a line

L42.199

199 – 202

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
Hotel Waldhaus Dolder
8032 Zurich, Switzerland
July 9, 1968

Telegramm: Dolderwaldhaus Telefon (051) 244720²²⁹

[Your aerograms of June 16 & 19th:

As there are some changes again at the Glass apt., dear Kenneth –

- 1) I move into it, and leave this hotel on Friday 12 July instead of later.
- 2) The German woman has definitely improved (the result of being in love with a man she wants to marry!) so altho she has decided to go away only for one week, it may be alright now to share the apt. with her, so I shall stay into August.
- 3) You may cancel the Waldhaus reservation for August, as a comfortable bed-couch has been arranged for you in the living room (as all 3 other rooms will be occupied while she and her son are here), and you may stay {as} long! – in fact until I myself leave, which will be 10th August, if you can and wish.
- 4) Noel-Eva has unexpectedly been given a ~~part~~ role in an opera at Salzburg festival. It's a minor one but the world's leading conductor, critics, etc will be in the audiences, so it may be her great ~~on~~ chance to show what her voice quality is.

Please give my affectionate greetings to Mother & Len.

Peace & Reality!

P.B.

P.S. Yes, please take the taxi to ZOLLIKERBERG district, RIETOLZSTRASSE #60. The fare is usually around 7 francs. The Beaumont Glass apartment is one floor up from street level. Go by the left, press button "E" (means {illegible}). The apartment is on the right side of corridor and is the last {illegible} one. However, there is a row of letterboxes inside the hall, and if you press the bell button on {illegible}, I shall be glad to come down and assist entry. If the German is in residence I'll ask her to help carry bags: tell the taxi driver to deposit them in the hall, or I'll come down and do so if you {illegible} Sometimes the driver is willing to carry the bags up.]²³⁰

L42.203

203 – 206

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
Zurich, Switzerland
September 4, 1968

[This is only to give you some definite confirmation so that you can set hour itinerary, dear Kenneth . . .

- (1) I confirm that we meet on 29 September, as tentatively arranged.

²²⁹ Letterhead

²³⁰ "Sometimes the driver is willing to carry the bags up." written in left margin

(2) The Place will be Lausanne, (which is ½ hour by train from Geneva.) D. V. It is a pleasant little Swiss lakeside town, something like Locarno but better class, so you can relax there.

(3) I leave in 3 days for Montpellier, Southern France, and after 5 or 6 days to Arles, Nimes Avignon, Menton Lyons and so to Lausanne, where I expect to arrive 25 Sept,²³¹ and give some interviews during the following days until we meet. As I expect to return to Zurich after Lausanne, you could leave from there or, perhaps it would be interesting for you to stay in Geneva for the last night and we could both leave from there. It will be your choice.

(4) For mail you may use the one I shall also use in Lausanne: c/o American Express Avenue MON REPOS, 14. For hotel there I have not investigated yet, but shall do so tomorrow and write you in a day or two.

My own mail address until Lausanne will have to be Grindlays {illegible},²³² from who I hope to collect ~~a single~~ one or two mailings during the interval after I have arranged my dates less loosely.

I keep well, and look forward to our meeting

With Peace

And Affection

P.B.

KENNETH T. HURST

(Apt 6-W) Halfmoon Apartments)

2400 HUDSON TERRACE

FORT LEE, New Jersey 07024

VEREINIGTE STAATEN AMERICA

(U.S.A.)]

L42.207

207 - 212

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst

Zurich, Switzerland

September 5, 1968

[Yesterday I sent an aerogram dear Kenneth - - giving you confirmation of 29 Sept (from 7 am!) for our meeting in Lausanne, Switzerland; and other information you needed

I have taken the liberty of reserving for you room at the same hotel as I have now reserved for PB. You are booked ~~from~~ for the 28 September until 3rd/4th October (nights) and I am booked from 22nd Sept until 3rd/4th October (altho' I may have to alter my arrival later to 23rd or 24th)

The address is:

CARLTON HOTEL

Avenue deCour, 4,

Zipcode (1002) LAUSANNE

Switzerland

²³¹ Circled

²³² Something illegible written below Grindlays.

TEL (021) 26 32 35
Area prefix²³³

As stated previously I am using American Express, in Lausanne for ordinary mail, but for special mail and perhaps for yours now, the above hotel address is better.

Another idea may come to you for the spending of this week vacation: if you prefer a milder climate, we could meet on the Riviera, if you prefer, say MENTON, which is the nearest point (airport NICE) I will accept it if you let me know and could come there the 29th Sept from Lausanne.

With Peace & Affection PB.

Mr KENNETH T. HURST
(apt 6-W-Halfmoon Apartments)
2400 HUDSON TERRACE
FORT LEE, New Jersey (07024)
Vereinigste Staaten America
(U.S.A.)

P.S. The zipcode for Lausanne given in my letters ~~probably may~~ is not correct, so do not use it.]

L42.213

213 - 214

Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Wei Wu Wei
2400 Hudson Terrace, Apt. 6W
Fort Lee, New Jersey 07024
November 6, 1968

[Dear Mr Wei Wu Wei,
I read "Open Secret" on the train from Lausanne to Zurich. But when the conductor called "Zurich" I alighted and found myself in Lausanne. [congratulate]²³⁴ you on your book. But who is congratulating who? The reader reflects the thoughts of the author; they share the same thoughts. They are one.

{6} Mr. WEI WU WEI
c/o Hong Kong University Press
author of "Open Secret"
Pls. Forward 1965
He also wrote earlier - "All Else is Bondage"
HIC \$5
1964
HKUP
- He lives in Monte Carlo
- an {Ulsten man}

²³³ Written below line with arrow pointing to 021

²³⁴ "{I'd} like to" was deleted from before "congratulate".

T.J. GRAY
{(cra)}}²³⁵

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215 – 216

Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Wei Wu Wei
2400 Hudson Terrace, Apt. 6W
Fort Lee, New Jersey 07024
November 6, 1968

Mr. Wei Wu Wei
c/o Hong Kong University Press
University of Hong Kong
Hong Kong

Dear Mr. Wei Wu Wei:

I read "Open Secret" on the train from Lausanne to Zurich. But when the conductor called "Zurich" I alighted and found myself in Lausanne.

I congratulate you on your book. But who is congratulating who? The reader reflects the thoughts of the author; they share the same thoughts. They are one.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Thurston Hurst

L42.217

217 – 220

Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Paul Brunton
2400 Hudson Terrace, Fort Lee, New Jersey 07204 Apt 6 W
November 10, 1968

I've been back two weeks and am caught up at office and home, dear P.B.

catching up after a trip is almost as bad as preparing for one!

1) First, please let me thank you for your October 19 letter from Lyon, received in London and thank you for handling the L. matter. It is very satisfactory.

2) Edmund phoned me yesterday. We will dine together tonight. He asks me to convey his warm regards to you. His health is back to normal.

3) I'm still working on exact flight from Karachi to Milan. I'll leave Karachi sometime on Wednesday January 22 – and may arrive Milan on Wednesday or the

²³⁵ The two pages of this letter are attached to a page that reads "CFA – Pls type this letter on plain notepaper – and use my home address. Thanx!" The next letter is the typed version.

next day. Anyway, I can definitely stay in Milan Thursday and Friday, (January 23 & 24) and leave Saturday (Jan 25) for London. I'll confirm flight as soon as I can—within a week at latest.

4) Well, despite our trepidations Bulgaria proved to be a delightful place and I felt very much at home there. Sofia is very clean and well-kept and well-illuminated. It has cheerful colors, many parks, plenty of trees on every street—and a charming atmosphere, rather reminiscent of Athens minus traffic and tourists! The Bulgarians are an intelligent race, superior to the Slavs, with an innate dignity. I found them friendly, smiling and just very nice. And (this will surprise you!) I didn't need my veg rations because there are many vegetarians in Bulgaria. Not only did every restaurant prepare a veg meal without hesitation or fuss (and openly say whether the veg soup was made from meat stock or not) but there is a large veg restaurant in Sofia. It was busy, plain but cheery. The waiter took me by the arm into the kitchen, and I just pointed at dishes I fancied. They were mostly from wheat and grain bases, and very tasty. After Italy, D found Bulgaria the easiest country for a veg. in Europe, much more so than Yugoslavia²³⁶ or Germany. After meals they take a few mixed spices in powder form; I brought a packet back, and they are delicious. Yoghurt,²³⁷ of course, was available everywhere in many forms.

I saw no signs of secret police anywhere, and was quite free to go anywhere and talk to anyone. Bulgaria has 180,000 English tourists a year; they pass a day or so in Sofia on way to Black sea resorts. And there was none of the blatant propaganda exhibits or signs in the streets one sees at Leipzig. The Bulgarians were quite open in their conversations: one publisher told me, "We have to be friends with Russia—whatever their political system, we'll follow it. We're too small and vulnerable to be without a protector; American is too far away, England has no power, and we don't trust Germany." Others told me about the feudal system under King Boris, when only a handful had wealth and power, and the rest were peasants. The lot of the common people has improved immeasurably. On the other hand, I was also told about secret labour camps in the interior for those who are too outspoken against the regime.

On the religious front, the Orthodox Bulgarian Church (similar to Greek & Russian orthodox) carries on openly; I went to Sunday morning service at the Alexander Nevsky cathedral, with a magnificent choir. Other religio groups are not encouraged, but tolerated to a large degree. For instance, I met a woman writer, also vegetarian, who belonged to an occult' group. Their teacher was Peter Dunoff. She gave me a booklet written by him and published in Sofia in 1929. He talks about the White Light within, and the power of Love—but it is not too profound. She told me there are many other groups in Bulgaria.

One day they took us (exhibitors at the Book Fair) to Rila Monastery, about 50 miles from Sofia, founded in 11th century. It is now a museum, but I was told there are still several other functioning monasteries, with monks, in Bulgaria. The Book Fair was

²³⁶ Spelled this way in original

²³⁷ Spelled this way in original

very well organized; I'm writing an article about it and will send you a copy separately.

Above all, I felt a great happiness inwardly in Sofia—like that I felt in Burma. On the Saturday afternoon I went to the vegrest for lunch by myself, then wandered about the streets and my inner being was suffused with happiness. At night I would look out my window at the inky hills in the distance over the rooftops, and experienced a strong feeling of kinship. So, I suppose like Burma, Bulgaria also brings back vestiges of a happy incarnation spent there? I would be happy to live there even today.

I did not like Belgrade or Zagreb. The towns were ugly and barren of charm, the people like animals after the Bulgarians. We ~~fele~~ flew to Dubrovnik for the weekend, a lovely sunny climate with gorgeous sea views. But the old walled town was too medieval for my sensitivity—as was Venice the following week. I liked Trieste, although it was not outstanding. Economically Yugoslavia is booming, no restrictions on imports, it was quite like a western country. They were quite open in saying that if Russia invaded, they would fight.

In Bulgaria, they excused the Czech invasion as “realpolitik” and compared it with U.S. intervention in Dominican Republic Korea and Vietnam. But a journalist there also told me that the Chinese are assembling missiles in Albania, short-range ones, but a frightening thought!

Mother and Len were quite well. They asked after you and your health. I had a pleasant week with them and got along very well with them.

I carry happy memories of our holiday together, particularly in Geneva. I enjoyed our time together very much, and am very grateful for it.

All is well at the office and on all other fronts. Mr. Riley sends his best respects to you. He has been enjoying having me home all day and playing with me.

Thank you again for everything. I look forward to seeing you in Milan.

With all my love,

L42.221

221 - 222

Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Paul Brunton
Fort Lee, New Jersey
November 21, 1968

[P.B.]

Copy

November 21, 1968

Only mailed 11/21/68

10-15 am

LSD?²³⁸

²³⁸ Written in left hand margin. May be referring to sentence below

Carol Collins just phoned me from Columbus, Ohio²³⁹ here at office. (She is little girl, friend of Frances Stacy, who had a bad experience in Mexico.)

Asked if I could tell her where to contact "B_____." * Said she and Mrs. Hutzler were "involved" in serious trouble. Said both had had nervous breakdowns.

I explained I didn't know where "Brown" was, he was travelling in Europe. I said only address I could suggest was c/o Grindlays. She said she had written air c/o Grindlays. I assured her it would be forwarded.

I asked if I could help in any way. "No." Did she want to tell me about it? "No, just wanted to contact B{illegible}." ²⁴⁰

So I asked her to accept my very best thoughts. And that was end of conversation.

*No "Dr" or "Mr" - just surname used.

Kenneth]

L42.223

223 - 224

Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Paul Brunton
Fort Lee, New Jersey
November 25, 1968

[I'm sorry, dear P.B. -
to be late sending flight data for our meeting. It took time to finally locate and confirm the routing.

1) I will leave Karachi 11 pm Wednesday January 22 via {Lufthansa} #645 - and arrive Rome 6 am the next morning (Thursday, January 23).

I then catch Al Italia flight from Rome at 8 am - and arrive Milan 9:10 am. I'll proceed directly to whichever hotel you designate, arriving there probably about 10 am.

2) As my flight makes stops at Dhahran and Cairo, I probably won't sleep on the plane - so will need to schedule a few hours rest Thursday ~~evening~~ afternoon. But we'll have that evening and all Friday together. I'll leave for London Saturday at 10:15 am Al Italia.

3) Yesterday I seamailed you some non-urgent clippings c/o N+G.]

²³⁹ "from Columbus, Ohio" written above line and inserted with a caret

²⁴⁰ Illegible, marked out after "B" by hand.

L42.225

225 - 232

Letter from Terence J.S. Gray to Kenneth Hurst
1 Palais de la Mer, Monte-Carlo, Pte de Monaco
November 25, 1968

Mr Kenneth Thurston Hurst
2400 Hudson Terrace, Apt. 6W
Fort Lee
New Jersey 07024

Dear Mr Hurst,

I am glad you enjoyed our journey from Lausanne to Zurich: I know it and like it well. Some of the Chinese seem to have had the habit of travelling 1,000 li without unnecessary displacement, but I have not travelled thus with anyone other than yourself.

I sometimes wonder whether the Buddha knows that he taught for 49 years without saying anything? If eternity should be long enough for him to read through all the words attributed to him he might be interested by some of the things he never said, but I wonder whether he is likely to be grateful or whether he understands what it is all about?

Since there is no one to discriminate or to have preferences it may all be somewhat mysterious to him why they do it – and why we even bother to travel to and from Zurich without leaving Lausanne?

Let me know if you ever feel inclined to accompany me from here to there without the bother of leaving here. I shall always be happy to be of the party.

Yours,

[Terence J.S. Gray
{p.p.} "Wei Wu Wei"]

Terence J.S. Gray

P.S. I am taking the liberty of sending you a copy of my "posthumous pieces" just in course of publication, for I feel that you may join me in some of the journeys into the so-little known regions adumbrated therein. In any case – as a gesture of very goodwill.²⁴¹

²⁴¹ Pages 227-232 are pages attached to the letter, including "Posthumous Pieces" by Wei Wu Wei and page 231 which reads "Wei Wu Wei's LAST WORK". See PDF

L42.233

233 - 234

Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Terence J.S. Gray
2400 Hudson Terrace, Apt. 6W
Fort Lee, New Jersey 07024
December 9, 1968

Mr. Terence J.S. Gray
1, Palais de la Mer
Monte-Carlo
Pte de Monaco

Dear Mr. Gray:

So even the esteemed Chinese author turns out to be a Westerner. Nothing is ever what it seems!

But, as Ramana Maharshi said: who is there to ask "Who am I?"

It is very kind of you indeed to send me your latest writing. I shall look forward to this generous gift of yours with anticipation - and much appreciation.

Well, "you" are "there" and "I" am "here." But I feel we are closer than that.

With warm regards.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Thurston Hurst

KTH/cfa

L42.235

235 - 240

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
Bordighera, Italy
January 24, 1969

[Have received your letters of - Nov 25 Nov 10 & Dec 22. "Pub Weekly" article dear Kenneth

It is as well that you postponed Milan: it was covered with 2 feet of snow on our date. I hope we can meet under better conditions and that you will be able to change the route from Rome to London nearer the Riviera, if possible, or to Genoa where 6 kilometers away is a little resort and where there's an international

airport²⁴² where the atmosphere will be more relaxing for you than Milan.

However I shall write you at length about your letters next week as I plan to move on the 28th Jan to Diano Marina (little Riviera town ½ way between Nice and Genoa; where if conditions prove suitable, I propose to settle down for the winter. Meanwhile I hope your health has pulled through the HK flu

My address for faster service than Grindlay, will be

Dr. P. _____ B _____
FERMO POSTA
18013, DIANO MARINA.
ITALY,

It will be valid until mid-February, by which time I can let you know ~~whether~~ further. On the 29th I'll send residence address. Keeping very fit & sending all peace & affection P.B.

page (3) Sorry to have to use this paper but I can't get fresh paper at the moment and I must finish this letter while the mood lasts!

In your art on Venezuela note what Senor Vega to you "about his business. I had the idea in my mind" KH said {illegible}!²⁴³

Oh! I forgot to tell you that {Collins} asked me to tell you to disregard her phone call, to say she was misunderstood, to get you to do nothing in the mater and to tell nobody. She uses initials for persons and things - apparently afraid to speak openly - hence increases difficulty in finding out what is the real situation.

Also it is only 2 hours by train to Genoa from Milan, and there is a direct airline Genoa-Rome.

I have not asked before but how is your health now? It was sound decision to postpone trip.

Have the British Prentice-Hall given up the London address altogether?

Please be so kind and ask the following firm to send me "EAR-LOKS" (little pads to stop spectacles slipping). A pair weighs very little, they are tiny, so send direct by air to my hotel. The price postpaid is 2 pairs for one dollar, so foreign airmail fee must be added. Address DORSAY PRODUCTS 200 West 57th Street
NEW YORK NY 10019

Thanks, Kenneth.

With Peace & affection

P.B.]

L42.241

241 - 242

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
Diano Marina, Italy
January 30, 1969

²⁴² "where 6 kilometers away is a little resort and where there's an international airport" written below the line, circled and inserted with an arrow

²⁴³ Written in left margin by this paragraph

[Please cancel the address sent you, dear Kenneth - - in my previous letter (Fermo Posta, Diano Marina) and await receipt of my next residential address which I hope to include with the fuller letter due you, soon.

I have to examine other likely places (on the way to Genova,²⁴⁴ and wish to speed up the trip, and take advantage of the sudden fine weather, after the cold and wind we have had.

Each stop so far has been fretful in some way, so I am glad on making this area my 1969 visit. Of course this is following the same route you and I took in 1965, the Via Aurelia of the Roman legions.

With Peace and affection

P.B.]

L42.243

243 - 246

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst

17021, Alassio (Savona), Italy

February 4, 1969

[residence, phone 42-681

PARK- HOTEL

Via LORETO

ALASSIO,

(SAVONA) ITALY.

ASTORIA²⁴⁵

BORDICHERA²⁴⁶

If you received my previous ²⁴⁷ communications, dear Kenneth--- you were given the Diano Marina address. Well I moved from there yesterday to Alassio, at the hotel above. No letter was in the Poste Restante from you during my visit there, and the P.O. will forward one here should it come.

Outside the wind is howling, a storm blew all night, and it is quite cold: fortunately no snow apparently falls here; like many Italian hotels, the heating here is quite poor; they lack fuel, or it costs more than they like to spend; but to balance this they are quite agreeable to prepare my special diet, and the location within a 12/15 minutes from the sea!, inspiring on sunny days, when they come: it is good to see the ocean and walk the Manna (promenadi)

The Italians I have met in these Riviera hotels seem uninterested in "culture" so I am happy to have plenty of inner resources, work, etc to companion me, not to mention correspondence, if and when in the mood for it. I am 90 kilometers from Genoa, at what is the terminus of the resort stretch from French border. However I will later examine the coast resorts between Genoa and La Spezia, a much shorter length, but now I want to stay here for a few weeks as ~~it is~~ Alassio has several positive features and I can get some good work done here, altho, noisy building work next door may necessitate changing hotels. Now to your letters. I wrote to Carol Collens but she sent me such an incoherent reply, so evasive, full of fear at

²⁴⁴ No ending parenthesis

²⁴⁵ Part of letterhead of Hotel

²⁴⁶ Part of letterhead of Hotel

²⁴⁷ "2" written above line and inserted with caret

revealing what has happened that I am still largely in the dark. I wrote to Harold Stacey to look into the matter but he has been given little information of any use. There is involved apparently someone we know well altho in what way I can't understand as CC contradicts herself; is not in panic. There may be either a criminal element here, or some breaking of the law; I don't know. I feel disinclined to get involved, but will decide shortly, but feel it better to ask Harold to get into the investigation again

I met Mr Wei Wu Wei but altho' he is only a year younger than I, his health is deplorable, and he seems 80 years old, and I could not get anything from the conversation to match the brilliance of his writing. I tried again a few days later (this was in Monte Carlo) but with even less good result. I must presume, therefore, that when he writes it is under the inspiration of some bright {illegible} philosopher, Chinese, in the spirit world. WWW does not care for India or its thought. Anyway I don't want to go again as I enjoyed my time at the Chinese Restaurant (I found an excellent one at Monte Carlo) far better than in his flat drinking tea. He will publish a new book called "Posthumous Pieces" in a few months' time, which seems to confirm my theory that it's a Chinese spook writing and not Mr Gray

Your experience of Bulgaria matches the favorable one of the late Professor Wood, who visited the {illegible} there. He enjoyed it too, and also got good vegetarian food Your article was excellent

Madras is not on our itinerary but should your itinerary take you there one day I have been told that there is a large well-run Hindu hotel which serves excellent vegetarian meals, is air conditioned Brahman but they let you - say your father was told he was one in previous birth! - name "The WOODLANDS"]

L42.247

247 - 248

Letter from Paul Brunton
17021, Alassio (Savona), Italy
February 7, 1969

[Please ignore the residence address given in my 2nd letter this week as I intend to change hotels for one that has some heating; the room here is too cold.

But my mail address remains

P. Brunton
FERMO POSTA
17021, ALASSIO
(SAVONA)
Italy

(for speedier delivery than Grindlays, of course)

With Peace
& Affection
P.B.]

L42.249

249 - 250

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst

17021, Alassio (Savona), Italy
February 15, 1969

[I notice that your last (apparently) letter to me was date 22 December. Although you were getting better, you were still not strong enough or well enough, dear Kenneth

I am anxious to learn that you have fully recovered, so please let me know how you are.

Myself I am paradoxically in²⁴⁸ healthy appetite and body, except of course legs.

The Riviera climate is not so good as advertised. There have been icy winds and storms here; the advantage of it is however the sun comes out for a couple of hours about 3 out of 5 days, and there is no snow, which Milan has had aplenty, & even Rome.²⁴⁹ But I was so cold inside the hotel room that I have now moved to a better class ~~one~~ hotel where rooms are properly heated.

It is fascinating to watch the rolling sea waves for an hour or two most days, and thus I enjoy here while sitting on the beach bench, writing reading or just looking at the seascape, or even mediating.

With Peace & affection
P.B.]

L42.251

251 - 252

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
17021, Alassio (Savona), Italy
February 20, 1969

[Your letter of Feb 10, dear Kenneth - - mentions an earlier one of Jan 31 sent to Diano Marina has not been received here, altho' only 2 train hours away. I'll write to the Postmaster there in case this is another case of Italian inefficiency, as I left a forwarding address

This reminds me that I unwisely gave you the Park Hotel address, in Alassio, I believe, to send the "Ear-lobes" But I moved from there, because there was no heating in the room, to my present one, Hotel DIANA. I did not leave a forwarding address at the Park. "Fermo Posta" meaning Poste Restante is where I shall stick to in all moves, as so far it worked well elsewhere.

About Genoa hotel, you had better choose it now; for our meeting, and inform me, if itinerary does not give it²⁵⁰

I wrote on the 15th enquiring about your health, so I am pleased to hear now that you're much better

Yes, please do stay a week with me. It will be convenient; ~~but I am not 100 % certain that I'll want to remain in the vicinity of Genoa until March 31: It would however be as near, or nearer, to Rome and reachable. I don't want to go to Rome. I am thinking of a visit to Malta, but have no information as to distances, transport etc.~~

²⁴⁸ "in" written above live and inserted with a caret

²⁴⁹ Period added by typist

²⁵⁰ Written in left margin

~~If business makes it essential that you have a firm address now in your itinerary for that week, then let it remain as Genoa, unaltered. We can meet in Genoa and after one day move one, returning there later so you could give Amexco or {Wagonsfits} Cook as your mail address. By mail or wire²⁵¹~~

After March 1st, if you should write, use Grindlay address - When and if, I change Alassio address, I'll inform you if itinerary gives your address, {illegible}

For your London flight²⁵²]

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253 - 254

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
Fermo Posta, 17021, Alassio (Savona), Italy
February 21, 1969

[After writing you yesterday, dear Kenneth - -
the likelihood that you would leave U.S.A within this month, made me decide to write you again today, owing to the possibility of more difficulty in communications while you travel. So ----

When you have your itinerary fixed, and know what date you'd be arriving in Genoa, send me a copy and I shall arrange to arrive in Genoa the day before. You might also choose the hotel, and let me know the name, so I'll proceed there - Let's say that I shall remain in Alassio until 7th March (not 1st as previously written) so you can send mail directly here. (I'm at Hotel Diana) Most likely I shall stay longer but for security use Grindlay for mail delivery after the 7th. And if I ~~have a~~ shall write you, to tell the new address, anyway

If you wish I'd be pleased to come out to the airport & meet your plane, if by then you let me know name & flight

With the²⁵³ Peace of ALLAH²⁵⁴ & affection of PB!]

L42.255

255 - 256

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
Alassio, Italy
February 26, 1969

[Your Diano Marina letter now received. Yes it's the place we stopped at en-route

²⁵¹ Written in right margin and circled, it is likely meant to be inserted in an illegible off the page note.

²⁵² Written above previous paragraph and circled, not clear where it is supposed to be inserted

²⁵³ "the" written below line and inserted with an arrow

²⁵⁴ "of Allah" written below line and inserted with an arrow

from Nice, dear Kenneth -

You must excuse my adding one more missive to the several sent recently, and at the last moment altho' I've not yet received the new itinerary. But you asked if there was anything wanted. Yes, please, here in Italy it has not been possible to get GREEN China Tea, only other Chinese which do not now suit so well. If you can pick some up, I'll be grateful, whether in Hong Kong or Singapore, where there is a very large Chinese element. But it must not be the black, only the green. Thanks!

I have extended my stay in the Diana Hotel, Alassio to the middle of March: after that I don't know I may or may not stay {illegible}²⁵⁵ but certainly by the 24th I shall be in the vicinity of Genoa.

In my previous letter I suggested you choose the hotel to suit your convenience, for our meeting; and that I could meet the plane if you wished.

Am looking forward to the meeting where I hope you can relax after the strain of worldly business talk and discuss some celestial business perhaps.

The Peace of Allah be with you

With Affection

PB]

L42.257

257 - 260

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst

Alassio, Italy

February 28, 1969

[Yours dated 23rd Feb dear Kenneth . . .

thanks for the copies but all the original letters are now in, including Diano Marina's.

As you ask for confirmation, I repeat it. We meet (DV) in ~~Genoa~~ Genoa March 30 I have left the choice of hotel to you because this is small town and you can collect the information easier by a phone call than I can! So let me know in due course, your choice & whether you want me meet plane. Your visit dates March 30-April 5 are quite convenient, even 2 or 3 days longer if you wished but I know how tight your schedule has to be and difficult this is.

The Earlob-Spectacle grips enclosed were a great success. Thanks. The only other thing which you may perhaps be kind to pick up for me, in Singapore or Hongkong, is Chinese GREEN tea.

My own present plans are: I won't stay in Alassio beyond Spring's onset 21 March, expect to reach Genoa and stay in {illegible} (resort small, 7 kilometers farther) until 28 March, then move into Genoa and await your arrival After the 21st I'll collect mail from Wagons-Lits, Cooks, Genoa. After your arrival we can move next day to {illegible}, for which time I will have found a hotel there for both of us, and visit the other resorts down to Spezia gradually, or stay put, if you prefer, & I can visit them after you leave.

²⁵⁵ "I may or may not stay {illegible}" written in left margin and inserted with a caret

Am looking forward to this meeting on Italian soil again, so
A Rivaderci!
Peace & affection
PB.

P.S. Swissair say "During flight Zurich to NYC half gallon liquid is a physiologic necessity" I never heard this before. Would it apply to your present trips? Anyway in case its useful and new, present you with it, but can't see the reason for it!

PPS With a well warmed room, my outlook on the world, and opinion of the Riviera, has considerably improved. So much, that I am writing a humorous verse, addressed to Mr Wu Wei Wei and inspired by a different spook, no other than Omar Khayyam! Will show it to²⁵⁶ you when you come]

L42.261

261 - 262

Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Paul Brunton
Fort Lee, New Jersey
February 23, 1969

[Your letters, dear P.B. - -
of Feb. 15 & 7 and Jan 30 all arrived safely.

You say you haven't heard from me since Dec. 22 so I enclose copies of my letters sent c/o Fermo Posta to Diano Marina and Alassio.

Yes, thank you, my health is now back to normal, although I tire easily, and the harsh winter weather keeps me "run down." I'm very glad your own health continues well.

I leave here March 7 so would appreciate your confirming whether I can visit you from March 30 until April 5. I'll arrive Genoa from Cairo (changing at Rome) at 6pm, Sunday evening, March 30.

It's starting to snow again today. These Northern winters are abominable!

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Love,
Kenneth

P. S. Ear spectacle plugs enclosed. They slip over end of glasses.]

L42.263

263 - 264

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst

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Verona, Italy
May 9, 1969

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Now, Can you arrive in ZURICH on Saturday 19th JULY? If so, we shall have the apartment to ourselves, with nobody else in it. The German plans to return on the 27th (but is trying to stay away a few days more - it's a possibility). You and I can stay there into August, if we wish. Kindly inform me. With peace and affection
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263 - 264
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267 – 270

Postcard from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
Verona, Italy
May 19, 1969

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Peace & affection PB
Affectionately {Yours}]²⁵⁷

²⁵⁷ "Affectionally {Yours}" is written at the bottom of the postcard. The next page in the PDF,

L42.271a

271 - 272

Postcard from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
Verona, Italy
April 7, 1969

[(Personal)
MR KENNETH T. HURST
c/o PRENTICE-HALL International Co. Inc.
DURRANTS HILL ROAD
HEMEL HEMPSTEAD (HERTS)
INGHILTERRA

VERONA, Italy
Easter Monday
(mail c/o Grindlay)

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Serenely
PB]²⁵⁸

L42.271b

271 - 272

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page 269, is the front image of the postcard - see PDF.

²⁵⁸ See PDF page 295 for the front image of the postcard.

Peace & affection PB
Affectionately {Yours}]²⁵⁹

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273 - 274

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
Verona, Italy
May 22, 1969

[P.S. I have now told Grindlay to hold mail indefinitely.

I wrote May 9th dear Kenneth - - -
but only recently learnt that since 1st May there has been a partial strike in Italian Post office. If you did not receive this letter, I repeat the information, that it will be Ok for you to arrive in Zurich (for stay at Zollikerberg) on 19 JULY - the German servant & child will be away from holiday on indefinite period, and I hope to arrive there just before.

So far I have received almost no letters from Grindlay or elsewhere for 3 weeks, but apparently the outgoing post has been maintained. However, the P.O. says if you write me (1) Via Air Mail and (2) Special Delivery ("ESPRESSO") your letter will come through to me. But a total strike is being threatened and if it breaks out no communication will be possible to Italy, and from it. An alternative is for you to send a note to Evangeline, confirming the date of your arrival in Zurich, and asking her to inform me, when I can arrange communication with her later sometime in June from outside Italy, which it is not convenient for me to leave at present.

With Peace & Affection
PB]²⁶⁰

L42.275

275 - 278

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
37100 Verona, Italy
May 27, 1969

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283 - 284
Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Evangeline Glass
Fort Lee, New Jersey
May 29, 1969

[Dear Noel and Beau,

P.B. writes me from Italy that you have very kindly offered me the hospitality of Renata's room during her and your vacation this summer. I am very grateful indeed for this kindness. I have replied to PB that I'll arrive Zurich on July 19, but because of the Italian postal strike this message may not reach him. So if you should be in touch with him, would you please pass this message along? Thanks so much!

I do hope all goes well with you both professionally - - and that the three of you enjoy a well-deserved holiday.

My best to you as ever,²⁷³ Noel and Beau - - and to Miss Melody. Kenneth]

L42.285

285 - 286
Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
Bahnhof, Zurich, Switzerland
June 16, 1969

[1) As I am about to entrain for Verona, dear Kenneth - -
I send you latest news. The mails in and out of Italy are uncertain and risky, which is one of the reasons I had to come here.

There was some difficulty over the dates for the stay at the Glass' apartment, as Renata had made fresh arrangements, which completely clashed with your dates. However I have made strong effort, and now everything is as well as can be obtained here. She will leave Zurich on 18th or morning 19th July. She has to return on 28th July but leaves again on 1st August and will be away 2 ½ weeks from then. So I look forward to your arrival on the 19th as arranged. If you wish I'll meet your plane but you will have to give details.

2) Wu Wei Wei's book arrived safely.

3) I expect to go to Lausanne, in Switzerland, about the 6th July or 7th and to Zurich

²⁷³ "as ever" written above line

later. Mail may go to Fermo Posta, Verona, only for about 7–10 days from now, & only if “Special Delivery”.²⁷⁴ After then, it will have to be inaccessible until I arrive in Lausanne. “Poste Restante, Lausanne” will have to be the address there. Should you write there, send ~~only~~ no mailings after the 5th as I may ~~expect to~~ stay in Lausanne only 3 days & move onto Luzern.

4) ~~Must~~ Please bring if you can find them a thinner and broader kind of supphose, color if poss maroon, brown or grey; the current ones, whether “Supphose” brand or cheaper {“Sapport”} brand are too tight in this warm weather.

5) You use the wrong address for Grindlays. It is not # 16. It is thirteen

Must close as train in

Peace & affection PB]²⁷⁵

L42.287

287 – 288

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst

Verona, Italy

June 17, 1969

[Dear Kenneth

The aerogram I sent yesterday was written just before the train left Zurich hence ~~so~~-hastily. It contained an error, giving you an address in Lausanne for the first week of June. I should then be in France, not Switzerland. So don't send any mail there. The only safe address is ~~either~~ c/o Grindlay (who have to hold the letters until I can send them a safe address) as I don't have any fixed itinerary yet

However as I expect to remain in Verona (4 days from now), you can use Fermo Posta here for “Special Delivery” air-mail²⁷⁶ if you wish to, but send no packet here. My movements afterward are too unsettled & uncertain. But Italian mail is now –

Looking forward to seeing you in Zurich (if you wish at airport, but I'd need to know the time & airline) on the 19th.

With peace &
Affection

PB]

L42.289

287 – 288

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst

Verona, Italy

July 1, 1969

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3) The broth powder will be welcomed, the newly discovered Esquire Slipnot stockings will be also welcomed gratefully, and the {illegible} supports too.

4) I have no difficulty in getting green tea in Switzerland, so thanks for your further enquiry re London. But if you are in vicinity of Piccadilly Circus during a convenient time, perhaps you could pick up a Litespace bandage. My length round waist is now 33 inches, so that or 34 would be OK, the band round waist to be narrow, the present one I'm wearing is 7/8ths of an inch. There are no buckles, it's the simplest style

5) Well I look forward to the meeting and will try to give you a relaxed holiday
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L42.297

297 - 298

Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Paul Brunton
Fort Lee, New Jersey
September 1, 1969

[Edmund phoned me, dear P.B. -
and told me of his subsequent meetings with you in Zurich. I'm going over to see him this afternoon, as it is a holiday. (Labor Day)

I have investigated the "Esquire" sock situation further. Apparently, the 10-18 size is the largest they make, so I'm afraid I can't obtain larger. How about the ones we bought in Lugano? Have they proved satisfactory?

I received a nice postcard from Noel thanking me for the presents.

Enclosed is my planned itinerary for October. I could stop off after Cairo anywhere in Europe to see you for a few days, if it is convenient to you? Would you kindly let me know?

All goes well at the office and sales are improving - now up 4% over last year.

I carry happy memories of our holiday!

²⁷⁷ The next page in the PDF, page 295, is the front image of the postcard - see PDF.

All my love, Kenneth]

L42.299

299 – 302

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
(in train to Zurich) Zurich, Switzerland
September 8, 1969

[1) Thank you for your letters of Recommendation, dear Kenneth – I may not have to use them as it seems the Swiss ones are more important.

2)²⁷⁸ Eric Pfeiffer gave these answers to your queries (a) {illegible} expires 30 June 1977²⁷⁹ (b) Standard Electric expires 1st June 1980 (c) They decreased in purchase price because the Interest Rates went up (d) Yes, they will certainly come up in value as the time nearers²⁸⁰ when they become due and are repaid at par (e) Yes ICI will pay out the bond value 20,000 S. F at maturity. The nearer the date, the higher the price value. (f) As interest goes down, price goes up to compensate.

3) My entry in Address book concerning your firm's British address needs amplification {illegible} (a) What²⁸¹ Is the cable address? (b) What is the phone²⁸² # (I have 2 numbers 0442 and 58531?)

(4)²⁸³ (4) Should you be visiting Frankfort Fair²⁸⁴ this year, perhaps these two addresses might be useful in that city (a) {illegible} Stube (Restaurant), 1st floor, SteinWEG, 10. (b) EDEN Guest House (Pension) Schillerstrasse 2b. They were advertised in the German Vegetarian magazine but I may have told you this before.²⁸⁵

(5) If you are coming to visit me again this or next month, I can put you up as a guest, renting the necessary equipment from the landlord. The agents have no apt to offer, the demand this year being phenomenal, but a chance meeting with a stranger has enabled me to rent a MODERN²⁸⁶ furnished apt from now until the end of next month. It is high up on Mount Bre', 5 kilometers from ~~Zurich~~. Reachable only by taxi. But the view over lake and country is magnificent, and the tranquility in contrast with town. As you know I decided to settle in Lugano ~~but~~ AND this taste of what is possible in the country around confirms the decision. All the apts that came to market are for sale, a rental unfurnished is rare.

²⁷⁸ A "2" is circled in the left margin of this paragraph

²⁷⁹ "1977" written above line, circled, and inserted with a caret

²⁸⁰ "the time nearers" written below line, circled, and inserted with a caret

²⁸¹ "what" written below line, circled and inserted with a caret

²⁸² Checkmark in left margin front of "phone"

²⁸³ A "1" is circled in the left margin before the (4)

²⁸⁴ Circled

²⁸⁵ This paragraph is circled

²⁸⁶ Written above line and inserted with a caret

(6) Now until the end of October mail can be sent to {illegible} AL ROCCOLO, CASA "A", presso TIETMANN, 6977, RUVIGLIANA, Lugano, (TICINO), ~~Switz~~-CH, Switzerland. There is no phone but I am still trying to get one, altho' PO refuses such sort rental

(7) After 30 October, my address will be FERMO POSTA, 6900 LUGANO(1) (Ticino)

8) Ruvigliana is the nearest village. It has a telegraph & post office

(9) I have to go into Zurich for 2 days to attend to various matters and will be glad to return to this cliff dwelling!

With Peace & Affection
PB

PS Arthur came here. He and his wife visited a ~~visiting~~ VISITING Swami Kundalini Specialist, with the result that her own Kundalini aroused, she went dotty (for the third time) and they hurriedly left for Holland! It will mean a few weeks in the clinic.

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L42.303

303 - 306

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
Lugano, Switzerland
September 17, 1969

[Your letter of Sept 1st²⁸⁷ and itinerary, dear Kenneth

Yes please come here after Cairo; my rental does not expire before end of October, but I'll try to get it extended one day longer if you wish

However Milan is much closer to Lugano (only 1 ½ hours by train) than Zurich, so fly to there. You could leave from Zurich if you prefer.

Thanks for the stocking effort, but please drop the matter now. I'll manage with all those I have, interchanged, especially Lugano ones. Only please send a package of saltless ~~xx~~ Broth powder other than the "Vogue" to the following address

FERMO POSTA,
CH-6900, LUGANO. (1) (TICINO) but letters may

²⁸⁷ "of Sept 1st" written above line and inserted with a caret

Switz.

go to RUVIGLIANA

Sorry I can't give the zipcode, as still unpacking & sorting!
Congratulations on sales!

With Peace & Affection
PB.

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{Vereinigste Staaten} America
(U.S.A.)

P. BRUNTON c/o TIETMANN,
CASA "A", AL ROCCOLO
CH. 6977, RUVIGLIANA
(Lugano-Ticino)
Switzerland

P.S. Your letter Sept 6
just in. ~~let me know~~
are exact dates
arrival/departure
Lugano, via Milan,
Oct 28 and 1st Novem?
If so, OK]

L42.307

307 - 308

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
Casa "A", Al Roccolo, Ruvigliana
Lugano, Switzerland
October 1, {1969}

Your letter 21 Sept, dear Kenneth . . .
Must write briefly, have been kept busy several days.

- 1) I shall be at Lugano Station RR 28 October Tuesday to meet your train arriving 8.07 p.m. If you come then, we shall dine together.
- 2) If you are unable to do so, but arrive by the next train, at Lugano 11.20 p.m. then I shall return to the station at that time and take you to my apartment (we shall both have dined alone in that case)
- 3) Ordinarily I would have been delighted to come to Milan and meet your plane, but it happens that I have a whole series of changes impending this month, plus

several visitors who must be seen, plus pending business in Zurich, plus uncertainties about my residence – all of which make it doubtful whether I should promise what may not be possible. It is better to deal in certainties, as above paras 1 & 2.

4) My landlord returns and takes over the Al Rocco apartments on the 18th this month, so I have to leave there. I have found another apartment, elsewhere, which is not finalized on my side because of complications. However I believe I can successfully take it for the period 18th Oct until you leave, so that you could still be my guest, so I give the address:

c/o Fatzer, Villa Sole, Salita dei Castagni
Numero 10, Ruvigliana. Their phone is+
(091) 51 34 50 If Mrs F. answer[s]
[area no.]²⁸⁸

German and some English... But for mail likely to arrive after the 15th October, do not address it there, as a precaution, but send it c/o

FERMO POSTA,
[CH, 6900,] Lugano (1)
Ticino

Anyway whatever my residence I shall meet the trains as aforesaid.

With Peace and Affection, [& kindest greetings to Mother & Len-]
[P.B.]

Secretary! (Mr. P.B.)

Send Duplicate to Frankfurt!

Postal Info (a) If using Ruvigliana in address, do not add Lugano also. (b) The CH prefixes the zipcode, not the country:

L42.309

309 – 312

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
Casella Postale 24
6977 Ruvigliana
6900 Lugano, Switzerland
October 7, 1969

[Your letter 28 Sept, dear Kenneth ---

1) I have checked on the train times, as a new schedule has just started, but these two – 8.07 pm & 11.20 pm – remain unchanged. So I'll meet them both, if necessary, on 28 October.

2) If you cannot find saltless broth, perhaps you should abandon the effort. Anyway I would like to discuss {illegible} London news when you are here. I may return to

²⁸⁸ Circled by hand and arrow pointing to "091"

Vogue in that case or use the low-sodium kind.

3) I was given short notice to leave due to owner's return impending earlier than expected. So I have to leave Al Roccolo on the 18th instead of end of October. This is why your use of the address in the business itinerary must be abandoned. Perhaps you have enough time to notify the recipients, and especially your Head Office? I am sorry. If you use the address at top you can do so with your own name, not c/o me. I intend to go on using it all through next month also (Grindlays have used it all these weeks) as I found by experience it is safer to use a non-residential address for overseas mail, whenever possible.

4) I plan to stay in Zurich the 19th & 20th to attend to {Rascher} crisis, and have reserved at a little hotel 2 tram stops beyond Zollikerberg where, believe it or not, it is only 15 francs per day without bath of course, but with breakfast! This is quite a find, as the hotel situation in Zurich is still very difficult.

5) There is a superb view from Mount Bre, where you will stay with me, reminiscent of the scroll pictures of Japanese and Chinese hermits and poets. Lake and Mountain! This will compensate for the shabbiness of the furniture but I may try some drapes and covers to improve appearance. So it will be a pleasant place for you to relax in, I hope. I have signed an agreement taking the apartment until mid March, when they want it back for their business (lodging house!) and all is in order

6) Exactly one week before you in Oct²⁸⁹ arrive here I shall be 71 years old (the true date is not the official one) – a suitable age to imitate those Chinese hermit-artists and do one more literarily creative job

7) You may remember the 3 or 4 missing hamsters of our last Zollikerberg stay. I was told much later that they were given away by Renata, who failed to inform me; this has been verified by Noel and Beau, so I have now no guilt in the matter. However I hope they will be distributed before next summer, because at this rate there might be fifty to care for then! How fortunate for you that Reilly has renounced such earthly passions!

Greetings from Mount Bre

Peace & Affection, P.B.]

L42.313

313 – 314

Letter from Kenneth Hurst
Fort Lee, New Jersey

[Dear Sirs:

We have known Dr. Paul Brunton for several years.

He is a gentleman of excellent character and reputation.

Yours very truly,

PRENTICE-HALL INTERNATIONAL, INC.
(Mrs) Constance F. Adams

²⁸⁹ "in Oct" was written above the line

2 original letters -

1) Government of Canton of Ticino

Bellinzena, Ticino

Switzerland.

2) Government of Switzerland

Department of Immigration

Berne, Switzerland

+ 1 copy each

E.C.²⁹⁰

{illegible}

Send PB a letter of reference from PH (on Inte. Paper)

2 copies

Signed by CFA

"we have know P.B. for ~~a number of several years. & know him can vouch for his.~~

He is a man of excellent character and ~~reputation full reliable.~~ reputation.

Govt of Canton of Ticino

Bellinzona)

Govt. of Switzerland - Department of Immigration

Bern & {illegible}]

L42.315

315 - 318

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst

Zurich, Switzerland

December 22, 1969

[I write this in the train to Zurich, dear Kenneth . . . where I go to attend to various matters, and to spend Xmas, and to get away from the atmosphere of tension which constantly impacts inside this house. She did not go to Australia, the neighbor told me she would never spend the money.

The landscapes through which this journey takes me, snow covered, mountainous and tranquil impress me anew with the beauty of this country. The Residence Permit has still not come through, and the lawyer still optimistically says it will²⁹¹

Sara visited me and I gave her the old best advice. She has been surrounded by chaos ever since coming to Italy. Her boss begs her to return and then accompany him {illegible} to Italy after a short while, but she gets involved there. If she returns, he says, there are new plans he wants to operate.

My health is good. But I caught a chill owing to insufficient heating of the house. I had to buy a room portable heater to plug in and with that I manage now

I appreciate the large areas of work you had to catch up with after the absence

²⁹⁰ The following are notes regarding the above letter

²⁹¹ Often PB did not use periods at the end of sentences, so the typist is following his lead in this document

here and the delays in London. But if, after the holidays, you can order some Ceres and Vogue and send by sea mail, please keep them separate, not mixed, as previously suggested.

There is now a rented postbox, so my address is:

CASELLA POSTALE, 24

CH. 6977, RUVIGLIANA, (Ticino) Switzerland

As soon as I receive the Permit, I will start searching for an unfurnished apartment, but will wait until then. It will be such a pleasure to live among fresh unsaturated furnishings

There were items of news which your trade journals probably gave you: (1) Penguins are to be launched in India and Asia, etc at half previous prices (2) Cassell's have been bought up by Crowell Collier, {illegible} publishers.

May I have a catalog of your publications? Thanks.

Mr Reilly must be a comfort being so quiet and not talkative, yet a living presence. I am glad you have him, since your solitude and privacy remain still undisturbed. If I could only find a vegetarian cat I would keep it.

Later 2 hours in Zurich

I feel physically and mentally renewed since coming here. The long illness of the father who died in Ruvigliana last year and the neurotic tension of the daughter have left their vibration. I was feeling an old old man there, weak and tired. Now I am fresh and energetic once more, so shall stay a whole week. I'll probably get a new campcot to sleep in, after returning, as I awake exhausted in the old bed.

Cheerio! Peace & Affection

P.B.

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L42.319

319 - 320

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst

Lugano, Switzerland

February 16, 1970

²⁹²two days ago, dear Kenneth . . . so this is in continuance.

(1) I still cannot get finalized information but the new residence address which I sent will certainly reach me: it would be better however to use the following until I can get this point cleared up = P.B. VIA CARONA, 38,

CH 6902, PARADISO-LUGANO

(Ticino) Switz

(2)²⁹³ If you have time please send a German dictionary, not the pocket one for

²⁹² This letter is a duplicate of L42.343 with some text missing, see L42.343 for the full letter.

²⁹³ Handwritten checkmark beside this paragraph in margin

travellers, I have that, but a larger one for office use

(3) Erna phoned. She is still in Verona but plans to return early next month to US

(4) Now comes the important point. 27 March is Good Friday, 29th Easter Sunday and 30th Easter Monday –all public holidays here and presumably in England too

Have you noted that? Secondly several other arrangements, matters, visits, Customs attendance, are all converging on this period. These difficulties make it too uncertain, even unlikely, that I could go to Zurich on the 27th with you.

(5) It may perhaps be possible for you to fly from Milan direct to Zurich see Mr Levy, and then take the next train to Lugano same day. No matter how late your train arrived (they run late into the night) I could meet it and bring you to my new residence. There would be no need to change your published itinerary, as this would be a matter between us two only. I refer of course to 24th March your arrival date

If above is not possible, could I undertake to meet Mr L for you, as I would be going to Zurich anyway in April but it is too early for me to know which date would be possible.

[PB]

L42.321

321 – 332

Collection of clippings and Kenneth Hurst notes

Extract: "Bernadette Green

(1) *Ramakrishna Mission*

(2) *Gayatra Devi*

(3) Also ask "*Asia Society*" re NJ colleges with *Occidental Philosophy Courses*"²⁹⁴

Extract: "1) PB birthday date – check his letters

2) A. Lewis NYT article – 35/100 yrs.

Food/{illegible} end of race!

3) *telling me Genoa airport*

-- *change focus from ego to H/S*"²⁹⁵

L42.333

333 – 334²⁹⁶

Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Paul Brunton

Fort Lee, New Jersey

February 4, 1970

[Enclosed is my itinerary, dear P. B. ...

could you let me know if March 24-28 is convenient to visit you? (I've changed from April 6, as originally planned, as I need to be in England for their sales conferences March 30 – April 3.) I have to visit Milan on business so would entrain to Lugano from there. I could resume flight to London from either Milan or Zurich. Actually, I

²⁹⁴ From PDF page 327

²⁹⁵ From PDF page 329

²⁹⁶ In the PDF, pages 333 and 334 are flipped, this letter starts on page 334.

would like to visit our friend, L, in Zurich, if at all possible. So I thought if you too had business there, we could perhaps take the train to Zurich on Friday, March 27 in morning? But it's not vital; I could wait until July/July. So please decide to suit your convenience. Either case, I'm looking forward to seeing you again!

I'll bring you some veg. soap & incense from India. Anything else I can obtain there for you?

I airmailed you a tin of Vega broth powder 2 weeks ago. Would you like some more?

And I've seamailed you a new PH book by Herbert {Lottman} on offbeat travel in Europe. I think you may enjoy browsing through it, as I did.

All goes well here. I've kept healthy as I hope you have. We're enduring a hard winter - cold, snow and ice. I'll be glad to escape to sunny India! I keep busy at the office and Riley keeps me company at home. The time flies.

I've seamailed you a couple of Newsletters together with clippings and letters that may be of interest.

What a dream life seems! And how I perceive through its façade - all youthful illusions shattered. And yet I seem incapable of replacing the mirage with the Truth (other than intellectually). The glass of Maya is empty; I sit nursing an empty glass. But where do I exchange it?

All my love, Kenneth]

L42.335

335 - 342

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
Casella Postale 24, 6977, Ruvigliana, Lugano, Switzerland
February 15, 1970

[MR. KENNETH T. HURST
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FORT LEE, New Jersey, (07024)
STATI UNITI d'America
(U.S.A.)

Your letter Feb 4, and clips separately, dear Kenneth . . .

- 1) Your arrival here Tuesday March 24 accepted. I shall meet the 17.08 train in Lugano, unless your wire ~~or telephone~~ (easy from Milan) otherwise
- 2) Between March 15 and 20 I leave Ruvigliana (D.V!) and move to new residence

Appt. 83

VIA CARONA, 38
PARADISO

(TICINO)

This is even nearer to Lugano than Ruvigliana but on other side of harbor, but to get there requires a taxi: just misses bus route, and is too steep for me to walk

(3) Am applying for a telephone: this takes some weeks: so if it is done in time I'll send # to New Delhi (4) Cannot provide the Zipcode for my address yet: there is some confusion, as the street is on border between Paradiso and a different place, but red ink address above is correct for mail.

4)²⁹⁷ You will be welcome to stay with me; very modern building; if you won't mind sleeping on the couch, as I have only the 2 rooms:

5) Mr L's shop in Zurich closes Saturday, so Friday morning, the 27th would be best for your departure from here. I shall try to accompany you, if possible, but I have to make certain enquiries before knowing in a couple of weeks' time, as that is a difficult week

6) The broth has not arrived yet: you might check by phone to {All Diet} Foods about its dispatch. If air mailed it ought to have been here earlier

7) Frau Fatzer is still absent but I hear she returns eventually. I've enjoyed her absence!

8) Did I tell ~~her~~ you the Swiss Residence Permit was granted. It is yearly and I have to renew each October. But they treated me same as Beau and I have received forms, Tax Return, to be sent in now covering all 1969: tax here is both on income & capital.

9) Do I still owe you the hospital period money? Anyway, we can clear this up in personal discussion later, and also the point in your letter about how to exchange Maya's empty glass for a jug of wine (Omar Khayyam)²⁹⁸

10) An unknown reader of PB has sent a Xmas card. As he lives in New Jersey I send his address: He says he is a novice, but the books opened vistas on the spiritual ladder: ALBERT DOBY. 303 LENAPI DRIVE, FRANKLIN LAKES. NJ 0741{illegible} Do as you wish about it

11) I also received your Aerogram December 28; Congratulations on the news in your "Newsletter" about improved situation of sales in India, and on choosing the right representatives in other lands.

12) Please continue to use Ruvigliana mail address until you arrive, as it appears on your mimeographed Itinerary and it would be either too late to too troublesome to change it. But I shall close the box down at the end of March. But for letters to me time the delivery in Switzerland after 15 March for the Via Carona 38, address in Paradiso.

As my invisible friend, Father Divine, used to say, "this leaves me healthy and wise as I hope it finds you!"

With Peace & Affection
P.B.

P. S. I Have not Heard from Erna for several weeks so perhaps she returned to the States.]²⁹⁹

²⁹⁷ Handwritten checkmark in left margin beside #s 4, 6, and 8 through 11.

²⁹⁸ Check spelling

²⁹⁹ PDF pages 339-342 are duplicate scans of the letter on 337-338.

L42.343

343 - 346

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
(Ruvigliana) Lugano, Switzerland
February 16, 1970

I wrote you at length two days ago, dear Kenneth . . . so this is in continuance.

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If above is not possible, could I undertake to meet Mr L for you, as I would be going to Zurich anyway in April but it is too early for me to know which date would be possible.

must close to catch last post from Ruvigliana,

With Peace and Affection,

[PB

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L42.347

347 - 348

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
(Ruvigliana) Lugano, Switzerland

³⁰⁰ Handwritten checkmark beside this paragraph in margin

February 17, 1970

[In continuation of my letter of 2 days previously, I sent yesterday an aerogram. With reference to the point raised therein; that your proposed visit to Zurich be on 27 March.³⁰¹ I remarked that it's Good Friday – a holiday here when offices shut, while as for³⁰² the next day, Mr Levy's is always shut on Saturdays.³⁰³ So I suggested you emplane from Milan to Zurich BEFORE visiting Lugano.³⁰⁴ The flying time is only $\frac{3}{4}$ hour, +distance from airport to city (25 min in Zurich) but I do not know the distance in Milan. Both Alitalia & Swiss Air³⁰⁵ run a service between these cities, so you'd have time to lunch in Milan and get an afternoon or early evening train to Lugano, which I would meet (on hearing from you) on 24th March. If you find this suggestion convenient I could visit Mr Levy for you during April, as I will also need to go there to Zurich³⁰⁶ for other matters besides Mr Levy's medical consultancy

So if this suits, you'd have a more restful holiday P.B.

Residence from March 20: VIA CARONA. 38., PARADISO
MAIL “ “ CH, 6902. PARADISO - LUGANO (Ticino)]

L42.349

349 – 352

Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Paul Brunton
Fort Lee, New Jersey
February 25, 1970

[This acknowledges and thanks you, dear PB –
for your letters of Feb. 15, 16, 17. I particularly appreciate your thoughtful follow up
notes and suggestions.

1) It would be difficult for me to fly Milan-Zurich on March 24. My business will culminate in a long (Italian-style) lunch – which is why I chose the 3 25 pm train to Lugano. However, a new plan has developed in my mind that can avoid the Zurich visit altogether and possibly take advantage of your April visit. I will discuss it with you, and seek your advice when we meet. So that problem is now shelved! (i.e., I will write Dr. L about my withdrawal symptoms and needs, and ask him to reply to me c/o you (new residential address) so we will have the information on hand for personal discussion)

2) Incidentally, I arrive Milano March 23 evening and have a confirmed booking at Hotel Duomo, Piazza Duomo 25, via San Raffaella 1, 20121 Milano. Telephone 88-33.

³⁰¹ Period added by typist

³⁰² “as for” written below line and inserted with a line

³⁰³ Period added by typist

³⁰⁴ Period added by typist

³⁰⁵ “Air” written above line and inserted with a caret

³⁰⁶ “to Zurich” written above line and inserted with a caret

Next morning I can be reached at office of GMB Associati, c/o Mr. John Giuranna (He speaks English).

3) So, as scheduled I'll be on the 3 25 pm train March 24 to Lugano, arriving 5 08 pm, and will look for you at the station.

4) New address from March 20 noted. I am delighted to accept your invitation to sleep on the couch – if you're sure it's no inconvenience to you? Well, I can help you unpack and settle in your new abode!

5) It's an odd thing about the broth! I took it to the P. O. myself. The clerk charged me \$2 65 postage as I assumed it must be via airmail (but neither of us specifically said so!) I compared it with postage on the book which cost only 65c {illegible} seaimail. But I now assume it went seaimail, so I apologise for not checking thoroughly at the time. Well, I hope it arrives soon.

6) Congratulations on receiving the Permit! I look forward to details when we meet.

7) No, you do not owe me any money – for the hospital or anything else!!

8) Your reference to Omar Khayam was very apt. I prefer the jug of wine to an empty glass!

9) Will be glad to check Albert Doby after my return – time rushes to my trip deadline, and the weather is bad now, snowy and cold, a hard winter.

10) Yes, India business has improved, but there are perennial unique problems – never clearcut, all shades of grey. And longterm future is cloudy. Despite its attraction, you were right India not really good for me (us?) this time.

11) Am shipping seaimail 2-vol English/German/English business dictionary (published by PH) to new home address. Will be glad also to obtain a general-usage one (~~perhaps~~ probably³⁰⁷ in India – low-priced at Max Mueller Institute!) but could you please drop me a brief note c/o Delhi to specify do you want both German into English and vice-versa? If I don't hear from you, I'll assume this is what you require, and will obtain it in India, so in that case, please don't trouble to write!

12) Received enclosed note from Jim Covell yesterday. I'm dropping him a note of good cheer. Thought you wouldn't mind my forwarding it to you.

13) Yes, I knew Easter was that weekend March 27/29 but thought (wrongly!) that German Swiss area would be open for business. Anyway, that part is now solved. The airlines will still function; remember last year I flew from Genova to London the same weekend? ~~However, could I impose on you to check that the train 1007 from Lugano to Milan (#508) will still run on Saturday, March 28? It just occurred to me they might change the train? Many thanks for this favor. If Ok, no need write me]~~

³⁰⁷ "probably" written above line and inserted instead of "perhaps"

14) Well, I think that covers all points. I'll bring incense + reg. soap from India - anything else?

15) If you think my sleeping on couch inconvenient please don't hesitate to say so. I could stay at nearest pension or hotel, ~~and~~ just to sleep, and spend all my daytime with you!

16) Thank you for the Father Divine greeting!

So look forward with great pleasure to seeing you in a month's time!

All my love,

Kenneth

P. S. Last visit you recommended I consider entraining to Zurich & flying London from there. My train to Milan did arrive late last time, (but fog had delayed the flight departure, luckily.) So I now think I'll take your advice. There is an express train 9 20 am March 28 to Zurich arriving 12 15, and a Swissair flight to London at 1450 - so I could manage this nicely - and will change my booking.

PPS. To save our trudging over to Ruvigliana post office every day, I'm changing mail address to your new home address (see notice attached)]

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Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Paul Brunton

Fort Lee, New Jersey

February 25, 1970

[This acknowledges and thanks you, dear PB - for your letters of Feb. 15, 16, 17. I particularly appreciate your thoughtful follow up notes and suggestions.

1) It would be difficult for me to fly Milan-Zurich on March 24. My business will culminate in a long (Italian-style) lunch - which is why I chose the 3 25 pm train to Lugano. However, a new plan has developed in my mind that can avoid the Zurich visit altogether and possibly take advantage of your April visit. I will discuss it with you, and seek your advice when we meet. So that problem is now shelved! (i.e., I will write Dr. L about my withdrawal symptoms and needs, and ask him to reply to me c/o you (new residential address) so we will have the information on hand for personal discussion)

2) Incidentally, I arrive Milano March 23 evening and have a confirmed booking at Hotel Duomo, Piazza Duomo 25, via San Raffaella 1, 20121 Milano. Telephone 88-33. Next morning I can be reached at office of GMB Associati, c/o Mr. John Giuranna (He speaks English).

3) So, as scheduled I'll be on the 3 25 pm train March 24 to Lugano, arriving 5 08 pm,

and will look for you at the station.

4) New address from March 20 noted. I am delighted to accept your invitation to sleep on the couch – if you're sure it's no inconvenience to you? Well, I can help you unpack and settle in your new abode!

5) It's an odd thing about the broth! I took it to the P. O. myself. The clerk charged me \$2 65 postage as I assumed it must be via airmail (but neither of us specifically said so!) I compared it with postage on the book which cost only 65c {illegible} seaimail. But I now assume it went seaimail, so I apologise for not checking thoroughly at the time. Well, I hope it arrives soon.

6) Congratulations on receiving the Permit! I look forward to details when we meet.

7) No, you do not owe me any money – for the hospital or anything else!!

8) Your reference to Omar Khayam was very apt. I prefer the jug of wine to an empty glass!

9) Will be glad to check Albert Doby after my return – time rushes to my trip deadline, and the weather is bad now, snowy and cold, a hard winter.

10) Yes, India business has improved, but there are perennial unique problems – never clearcut, all shades of grey. And longterm future is cloudy. Despite its attraction, you were right India not really good for me (us?) this time.

11) Am shipping seaimail 2-vol English/German/English business dictionary (published by PH) to new home address. Will be glad also to obtain a general-usage one (~~perhaps~~ ^{probably}³⁰⁸ in India – low-priced at Max Mueller Institute!) but could you please drop me a brief note c/o Delhi to specify do you want both German into English and vice-versa? If I don't hear from you, I'll assume this is what you require, and will obtain it in India, so in that case, please don't trouble to write!

12) Received enclosed note from Jim Covell yesterday. I'm dropping him a note of good cheer. Thought you wouldn't mind my forwarding it to you.

13) Yes, I knew Easter was that weekend March 27/29 but thought (wrongly!) that German Swiss area would be open for business. Anyway, that part is now solved. The airlines will still function; remember last year I flew from Genova to London the same weekend? ~~However, could I impose on you to check that the train 1007 from Lugano to Milan (#508) will still run on Saturday, March 28? It just occurred to me they might change the train? Many thanks for this favor. If Ok, no need write me]~~

14) Well, I think that covers all points. I'll bring incense + reg. soap from India – anything else?

³⁰⁸ "probably" written above line and inserted instead of "perhaps"

15) If you think my sleeping on couch inconvenient please don't hesitate to say so. I could stay at nearest pension or hotel, ~~and~~ just to sleep, and spend all my daytime with you!

16) Thank you for the Father Divine greeting!

So look forward with great pleasure to seeing you in a month's time!

All my love,

Kenneth

P. S. Last visit you recommended I consider entraining to Zurich & flying London from there. My train to Milan did arrive late last time, (but fog had delayed the flight departure, luckily.) So I now think I'll take your advice. There is an express train 9 20 am March 28 to Zurich arriving 12 15, and a Swissair flight to London at 1450 - so I could manage this nicely - and will change my booking.

PPS. To save our trudging over to Ruvigliana post office every day, I'm changing mail address to your new home address (see notice attached)]

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361 - 362

Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Paul Brunton

Fort Lee, New Jersey

April 27, 1970

[I've caught up from the trip, dear P.B. -

and settled down to routine again. But I do want to thank you for allowing me to stay in your new flat. I liked it very much; it's smart and modern, magnificent view - and I like your taste in furnishings. There are always "setline-in" problems, of course, but these will be overcome, and you'll be happy in your {illegible}!

I trust you recovered completely from your chest cold. I developed similar symptoms a week later, but managed the journey back. Am fine now. Mother and Len asked after you, and send their love. They're in reasonably good health.

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I wrote the {illegible} student in New Jersey, offering a meeting. No reply to date.

Enclosed is one pair of the medium-size spectacle grips. I'll send the other pair in my next letter.

Your cheque for 18,300 cleared today, and gained me \$4246 (after a \$5 commission). Thank you very much for this. I trust my cheque cleared also? Now I'm in a position to take up my stock option.

I've come to realize the wisdom of your advice concerning Nadja. (Sometimes it takes time to sink in, to allow reason to surmount emotion.) And so I'll limit the relationship, as gently as I can. Her friendship with me proved beneficial to her last week when her daughter (studying in Tokyo) lost all her possessions in a fire, and I was able to cable our PH Tokyo office to come to her aid! So I'll go back to being a middle-aged bachelor again!

Riley joins me in sending you our love (He has no such problems!)

As always, Kenneth

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Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Paul Brunton
Fort Lee, New Jersey
May 31, 1970

[Dear PB -

I've just returned from visiting the Covells. I enjoyed the meeting with them.

1) Jim was very loquacious! Told me every detail of his life! We got along very well together.

2) He is amassing a subject card index in your works. I asked him to let me know when it's complete - as it should prove useful to other readers too. He's re-read WOTO 30 times!

3) Pat looks grey and elderly (no doubt as a result of her operations) but has a bright indomitable spirit. She lacks energy but otherwise has no problem. I thought she tucked away a fair-sized meal - more than I usually eat!

4) Jim received coincidentally with my visit a job offer (clerical, to his liking) and will be interviewed next week. Currently they receive \$60 a week unemployment pay, and are managing all right - and have a \$1000 nest egg.

5) He visited Tony recently. Tony is promulgating the books and teaching to Cornell students. He's also taken up astrology keenly.

6) I want to apologise for the remark I made in Lugano about Jim "locking himself up in the cupboard." It was ignorant and unwarranted. I've now learned about the damage to his psychic centres, and can understand his problems.

7) My visit seemed to help them, and I could feel, with appreciation, a higher force flowing through and charging the atmosphere. They are both very sincere, and devoted to the Quest and plight. Love, Kenneth]

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--KH handle {illegible} Club - slave profit!

According to Donald Weiser

(1) Duttons are letter all PB books go O/P - 1

(2) So Weiser got USA distr rights for {O/Ptitles} from Riders - in paperback - and W. buys complete copies from Rider at a fixed price. They probably add him onto their own print run & thus loosen their mfg. price. He has 'Egypt' 'India' 'WOTO' @

\$3.50 approx³⁰⁹ – same {illegible} as Rider. – Better if PB could deal direct with Weiser, he'd make more – 10% royalty of list – rather than share 50% subdy. rights with Rider?

(3) Reprinted 350 {illegible} – sold @ 850, now reprinting.

NOTE: This part below is upside down on paper³¹⁰

(1) Call Don Weiser for THU dinner

~~(2) Call Lou Fanger it is {illegible} VERDE Hotel Capacabana, Rio~~

(1) Rider's catalog 3 paperbacks

(2) buy Blavatskys 'Secret Doctrine' 2 vols 400 2]³¹¹

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371 – 373³¹²

Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Paul Brunton
Fort Lee, New Jersey
June 11, 1970

[My visit to the Covells, dear P.B.....

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I told them you would not mind a letter from them directly - - so long as they did not expect an outward letter in return. I gave them Grindlay's address.

As for me, despite their impression, I have been tired and weary of late. Although my annual physical did not reveal anything wrong. In fact, I took today off and slept til 10, then lay in bed until 2pm! Do you still have the address of that Quaker resort in Pennsylvania? Perhaps I could go there for a week's rest and recuperation.

Looking around at the world, I'm conscious of your prophecy a decade ago that

³⁰⁹ "@ \$3.50 approx" written above the line

³¹⁰ See NOTE

³¹¹ Large checkmark over this

³¹² In the PDF, pages 371 and 372 are flipped, this letter starts on page 372.

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All my love,
Kenneth]

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Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
Ch 6900 Lugano-2-Paradiso³¹³
Lugano, Switzerland
July 3, 1970

[1]³¹⁴ Congratulations on the appointment as Exec. V.P. dear Kenneth ---

2) And what is the Community Leaders Award?

3) Your letters April 27, May 24 & 31, June 11, and newspaper {illegible} {H97} Diary –³¹⁵ and Ceres powder and all the books mentioned at our Easter meeting (from India, UK and USA) with exceptions below mentioned have arrived. Exceptions (a) Langenscheid and Collins Pocket German Dictionaries did not arrive from India. (b) Cassell's German Dictionary was replaced by Brockhaus' Dictionary, which is excellent. Langenscheid is NOT needed.

4) A comb was found in my apartment after your visit. As it is a men's comb, it's probably yours, so I'll keep it here for you, but if it isn't I'll throw it away

5) Sorry I was too weak from the cold and fasting at your visit, also about the shit that was too soiled. This was caused by attempts at nite to sweat out the cold; normally I have laundry activities constantly. I recovered very quickly.

6) The memo on future of {PH} India well expresses my ideas too.

7) The "Medium" size 'EarLock' spectacle grips were received but the "small" size mentioned as following in the next letter did not come in.

8) You've acted wisely in restraining emotion re. Nadja. Perhaps her daughter, if interested, might like to visit a Japanese holy woman about whom I have received favorable reports? She has "an overwhelming effect of (pure) love" on visitors, who include Japan's top Judo expert, and a London taxi driver. But the drawback is - she lives in Kamakura (where the {grant} Buddha statue is) not Tokyo. Anyway here is her address: JIKOSON SAMA, 182 HASE, Kamakura. She is unknown to public, lives simply, demands nothing from visitors, and says {her} work is being done against the world's evil by love on inner plane

9) The book on Russian ESP has just come but I have not had time to go thru it yet

10) You ask for a Pennsylvania Quaker resort address. But I can't remember knowing such a place. What kind of a resort is it? If you need the change, rest recuperation and vegetarian food, perhaps the American Vege Society can supply addresses, or there might be adverts in The Veget. Journal. But the tiredness may be due to overwork and/or carelessness about self-poisoning by tobacco & alcohol. These latter and the former obstruct meditation, make it more difficult.

11) It is strange how the Czech, American and India contacts figured so much in

³¹³ On page 378, PB wrote "One set address only, a 2nd set with 'Paul Brunton' as top line, so Ticino and Switzerland join as last line" with an arrow next to "CH 6900 LUGANO-2-PARADISO".

³¹⁴ Numbers "1)" and "3)" both have check marks on top of them.

³¹⁵ "{H97} Diary - " was written above the line and inserted with a caret

yours and PB's lives. Indications of prebirth contacts

12) If you can get some gummed address labels printed, like earlier ones, I'd be grateful. The copy is!

13) A telephone has been installed here. The # = (091)³¹⁶ 54 53 97

14) In Rider and Co.'s 1970 list three of my published books are marked "available in USA only thru S. Weeser Inc NYC". I notice all three are paperbacks. How is this possible? I thought EP Dutton and Co. controlled and copyrighted the USA market. Then how can Rider's British publications be sold in USA?

15) Had a visitor from USA, an Englishman teaching in Ohio. He knows Tony and will visit him on way back from vacation and give him my suggestion for converting shop to upstairs lending library. He says Tony plans coming to see me next year. {Also} I'll try to straighten him about the matters mentioned by Jim and yourself.

16) London Sundry Telegraph June 28 reviewed Shusaku Endo's "Silence" - your PHI book. It got top of column space and declares "This is a masterpiece". I keep the review in case you should want it. The length of review was almost a column.

17) I keep well and active. But not a week passed without repairs being needed in the apartment, due to inferior materials use by builder and unwise use by previous tenant. But despite that I have gradually improved the equipment and arrangement and profit aesthetically and spiritually by the superb view. But the climate changes constantly so that one has to be prepared to wear different clothes every day.

Thanks for all the gifts. I expect to go to Zurich for a week near the end of the month, using the Glass's (absent) apartment. My books etc. are due to arrive this month from Auckland.

With Peace and Affection P.B.

P.S. You stayed in March at Hotel Duomo Milan: Would it suit me for 2 nites? Is it old or modern?

P.P.S. The election of Tory party squashes the possibility of a tax on capital, the threatened "wealth" tax of the Labour Party.

Received July 7

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Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Paul Brunton

Fort Lee, New Jersey

July 25, 1970

[I acknowledged your welcome July 3 letter last week ... dear P.B. And told you of {Hesper's} death. Tomorrow I shall visit Bobby and see how he's getting along.

³¹⁶ PB wrote "Lugano prefix" with an arrow pointing to "(091)".

(1) The Community Leaders Award has no intrinsic meaning. It's merely given to several businessmen in each {location}³¹⁷

(2) Yes, the comb may be mine. I'll have to inspect it to be sure!

(3) I can't find the small Earlocks so will order two more for you. The labels have not yet arrived.

(4) Yes, you were completely right (as usual!) about Nadja. I can see that clearly now. We remain good friends at business, but I do not go out alone with her.

(5) Thank you for the Japanese lady's address, although I suspect the daughter may be too worldly-minded, being young. But I'll see.

(6) None of the readers whose names you gave me have responded to my invitations to meet.

(7) Back in the late 50s you used to recommend the Ashrama, and for now-oriental inclined people, a Quaker resort in Pennsylvania. But I forget the details. Anyway, it doesn't matter! I once spent a weekend at the American Veg. Society place in N.Y. state - a found it very gloomy, everyone stuffed themselves with gigantic salads. They were vegetarian for health reasons and there was no spiritual interest. The grounds were unattractive. I wouldn't care to go back! I fasted the weekend after the equinox, and felt distinct physical, mental and spiritual benefits from it. It definitely revitalised me! In fact, I enjoyed it, and could have fasted longer were not Monday a return to the office!

(8) Things are running smoothly at the office, and I've been able to³¹⁸ cut down the workload to a more normal schedule. Sales are running 15% ahead, and profits are up, too, so everyone is pleased!

(9) Yes, I've often thought about the recurring worldwide contacts in our lives, and their link with the past.

(10) The Prague exhibit is cancelled by the Czechs³¹⁹ owing to the tighter political situation there.

(11) I'll ask Donald Weiser when I see him about his listing in Rider's catalog. Perhaps Dutton agreed to Rider marketing the paperbacks in USA in return for a share of the income. But I'll try to find out. And I'm glad they are reaching a wider market.

(12) Yes, it will be more effective for you to straighten out Tony in person if he visits

³¹⁷ Illegible - only "loc" is visible.

³¹⁸ "been able to" written above line and inserted with a caret

³¹⁹ "by the Czechs" written above line and inserted with a caret

you. I had thought of going to see him to try to do so,³²⁰ but will drop it now.

(13) Yes, Hotel Duomo in Milan is suitable for 2 nights. It's neither old or modern – really – hallway between. I paid \$12 for a night. The room was not large, but had a writing table, and was quiet. The bathroom ~~was quite~~ seemed large and roomy, being same size as the bedroom with a small connecting hall for clothes, etc. The bathtub itself was deep and roomy. Staff³²¹ Service was efficient. The hotel's location is central, being opposite the cathedral, on the large square which is a central transportation point. Yes, I would recommend it for 1/2 nights; for a longer stay, a more artistic atmosphere would be indicated. If you wanted to give interviews there, it might be wise to request a larger room.

(14) I'm glad that you have gradually shaped your apartment into order. It's nice to have a place of one's own, isn't it?

(15) ~~I shall~~ Would it be convenient for me to visit you following the Frankfurt Book Fair? I could fly to Zurich, then entrain to Lugano, on Tuesday, September 29. I'd have to leave on Saturday, October 3. Please let me know if this is allright. And, if so, wouldn't it be better if I stayed at the small hotel down the road? They should not be crowded that late in the season. I could just sleep there, and take all my meals with you.]

(16) Because of new developments I shall find it necessary to write Dr. L and ask him to prescribe a similar medicine as he did last March. I can discuss my withdrawal symptoms when we meet.

(17) I exercised my stock option last week with the money you gave me. I now receive 400 shares at a cost of \$16 ½ each. The stock is now selling at over \$30, so it is well worth while. I shall hang onto the stock as an investment, at least for the time being.

(18) All goes well at this end. I've been rereading {illegible} – and trying to observe its precepts in practice. One lives and learns. And with each reading, more becomes clearer as one relates it to oneself and environment.

(19) So, enjoy your stay in Zurich. And I hope then to see you soon!

With all my love,
Kenneth

Plus greetings from Riley!]

L42.391

391 – 394
Letter from Kenneth Hurst
Fort Lee, New Jersey

³²⁰ "to try to do so" written above line and inserted with a caret

³²¹ "Staff" written above line and inserted with a caret

July 27, 1970

[P.S.

I visited Mr. Hutchinson yesterday. His daughter-in-law, Helen is looking after him for the time being. He and I had a good chat. He said that although he had anticipated her death, it came as more of a shock than expected. Perhaps due to the manner of her death. After arising, she was sitting on the toilet when (according to the doctor) her heart just stopped and she fell forward and smashed her face against the bath, breaking her nose. Again according to the doctor, if she had not died now, she would have been liable to another stroke soon completely paralyzing her – so it was a blessing in disguise. I advised Bobby to remember her as she was in the flower of her youth. She left a farewell letter to him saying “if it were allowed she would wait for him.” I assured him they would be together again.

In her will, she left me her Tibetan tanka, and Siamese Buddha. I brought both home yesterday. The latter is quite heavy, but the former light – so I’ll bring the tanka with me to Europe to present to you, if I may. These formed the heart of her collection in her shrine room. The other objects d’art are to be divided between Helen and Ann. Her book e library is to be given to the local library; I would have thought it more useful in a large metropolitan library, but apparently the former³²² ~~that~~ was her wish. Mr. Hutchinson is 83; he has aged perceptibly since I last saw him two months ago. He plans to continue living in The {illegible} House and bequeath it to the “next generation.” Well, that’s about all – so, with love,

Kenneth]

L42.395

395 – 398

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst

Lugano, Switzerland

August 12, 1970

[Ah-lah!

1) This is only to tell you that it will be convenient for you to visit here after Frankfort, Sept 29-Oct 3rd, dear Kenneth....

2) The hotel down the road is not suitable for my visitors: noisy dancing at night disturbs them. But another hotel a little farther downhill, in Paradiso, is better. However, ~~except for one morning~~, I suggest you use the couch as before and save the money and trouble, unless you feel, (as I usually do),³²³ you must have the freedom and independence. As you say, hotels are not crowded here then, so why not leave your decision until after arrival when we can see the then situation and talk it over?

3) On all other matters, I shall write a little later, in the week (4) If you receive a

³²² “the former” written above line and inserted with a caret

³²³ “(as I usually do)” written in left margin and inserted with a caret

number of photocopies of my prewar California lectures from Tony, please destroy all except one copy which send me. They got into his hands from Romaine, who before the war³²⁴ had once typed them for me and kept a copy. She and Tony got together and are distributing my immature, unrevised,³²⁵ unpublished material without even tell me! I am writing to them today asking of all copies to be sent you as I fear to trust them to destroy them. Thanks.

With Peace & Affection
PB.

P.S. My Postal zipcode is now CH 6900

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L42.399

399 – 340

Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Paul Brunton
New York
Sept 3, 1970

[Dear P.B. –

I've delayed answering your welcome Aug 12 airletter in case further word arrived from you. But this is my last day; I depart directly from office to airport this evening!

(1) I look forward very much to visiting you after Frankfurt. Pls. see itinerary enclosed. I'm told there is a 1330 train to Lugano from Zurich, and I should have no difficulty catching this on Sept. 29. I'm not sure of its arrival time Lugano (probably about 1700?). If you're not at the station, I'll proceed to telephone you from there.

(2) I think I'll be better company during my time with you if I stay at a nearby hotel for the nights. I'm sure you understand. Especially with the smoking problem, etc. So please feel free to book me a room at the Paradiso hotel you suggest.

(3) The California lectures have not yet arrived from Tony.

(4) Can I bring you anything from London?

(5) Pls. excuse haste – last day ruse!!

Look forward to seeing you in Lugano.

Love,

³²⁴ "before the war" written in left margin, circled, and inserted with a caret

³²⁵ "immature, unrevised" written in left margin, circled, and inserted with a caret

Kenneth]

L42.401

401 – 402

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
Via Carona 38, CH 6900 Lugano-2-Paradiso (Ticino), Lugano, Switzerland
September 3, 1970

[Acknowledging your letters July 19 & 25, Aug 3

On 12 August I wrote you at length, dear Kenneth ---
and now to finish that letter:

(1) As for your visit, don't you think you could sleep here? It is four nights and I believe we can manage that way better than a hotel, which would involve ordering a taxi since it is not advisable to walk down the hill in the dark, because of traffic dangers, and I will have enough bedlinen as the New Zealand trunks will be in the apartment by then? The {goods}³²⁶ are already in Switzerland, but traffic congestion, customs procedures etc are temporarily holding them³²⁷ up. ~~my~~

(2) The finalized correct mail address is as above. Acknowledging receipt of 2 books "Dynamics of Change" & "Psychic Discoveries behind Iron Curtain".³²⁸ I notice the address label gave zipcode 6903, which is wrong. The first is magnificently produced, the second most interesting. Thanks.

(3) I have written Bobby. Your offer of Hesper's Tanka is most generous but there are several reasons why I must ask you to keep it. Most important are (a) her wish (b) your need of it (c) I'll be happy knowing it is decorating your apartment and inspiring your thoughts. So please accept my refusal in the right spirit, but with my gratitude for your kindly thought

(4) I also write³²⁹ Tony about the various matters he needs advice and restraint³³⁰ on, plus requesting him to forward you the Calif lectures. When the copies are all in, destroy them and send or bring me one, please. Tony claims that a teaching job at Cornell became available for Jim one week after he left, (but surely they could have wired him?)

(5) I have not seen the Weiser paperbacks of India Egypt & WOTO. Thanks for offering to get a set, but I intend to write Rider as it is their duty to send an author's copy of each surely?

(6) So I shall expect you here on Tuesday 29 Sept. When you are near leaving time,

³²⁶ illegible – partially off page, only "good" is visible.

³²⁷ "them" written above line and inserted with a caret

³²⁸ Period added by typist

³²⁹ In original as "write"

³³⁰ "and restraint" written above line, circled, and inserted with a caret

let me know when the train comes into Lugano, as I'll be pleased to meet it.

With Peace & Affection

P.B.]

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Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst

Via Carona 38, CH 6900 Lugano-2-Paradiso (Ticino), Lugano, Switzerland

September 11, 1970

[Your letter of 3 Sept,

Dear Kenneth ---

Must have crossed mine of 2 Sept, sent to Fort Lee

Having no copy of mine I refer only to the points needed now, in repeating them

(1) I shall meet your train at Lugano station (Note that Paradiso station is only for local trains going up to 20 kilometres) later at {Railroad} Bureau. They tell me there is no train leaving 1330. Nearest leaves at 13.57 and arrives at 17.00. So I shall meet this train

So on Tuesday 29 Sept I shall be glad to welcome you

(2) The correct finalized mail address is above

(3) In my letter I suggested you stay here, but after reading your own decision in the 3 Sept letter I understand and accept it. So I shall go out today to visit and arrange a hotel room for you. There has been an unexpected increase of tourists.

(4) Thanks for offering to bring something from old London town. Could you ask the largest Health Food Store. I can't remember the name. It is on Baker St and, I believe corner George St if they have a toothpaste of plant origin but not made with soap. There is one I got here, made by Steiner's people, the Weleda-Everon, which meets this definition but the taste is unpleasant and bitter. You might also pick up one or 2 current Health magazines there for me. I suppose it's useless asking them again for a low salt or salt free soup powder?

(5) Finally you may be glad to learn that there is now {here} for you the gold frame, one-wing pair of spectacles left by Bud ~~Fele~~ Fletcher. In my 2 Sept letter I asked you to keep the Tanka for yourself for reasons stated therein. But I did not know that you were leaving USA so early in the month. I meant to write earlier as promised but there has been a lot of pressure on my time from various problems which needed outside attention so I neglected {illegible}. Sorry. Love to Mother and Len.

With Peace & Affection.

P. B.

Mr Kenneth T. HURST

c/o PRENTICE-HALL INTERNATIONAL

DURANTS HILL Rd.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD (HERTS.)
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Personal]³³¹

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Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
Via Carona 38, CH 6900 Lugano-2-Paradiso (Ticino), Lugano, Switzerland
October 21, 1970

[My dear Kenneth,

There is a personal quandary surrounding me just now which I have difficulty in dealing with, living as I do among strangers and no friend here to turn to for advice. It is a matter requiring experience and knowledge which I don't possess.

Recently my investment in Kingdom of Belgium govt bonds was retired before maturity, so that I had to find a new source of income. My lawyer, at this point, came up with a proposal that I put the money in a mortgage. This would pay about 6% from which about 30% is deducted for tax, leaving 4%. He had no other proposal

He said the amount of cash I want to invest is too small to be considered by big clients, who won't trouble with any amount under 7 times as much.

Although he said the investment, being on the security of³³² property, would be safe, I am uncertain whether it is wise for me to enter an area in which I am totally inexperienced and of which I am really ignorant – I refer to mortgages.

This is why I am asking your advice; as a business executive of standing you know so much more about finance than a scholar and literary man like myself.

My fear is that if for any reason the lawyer's client fails to meet the interest due on mortgage, he would be threatened with foreclosure, which all means a legal messy situation that I dislike. Of course, that's merely a possibility

The lawyer says my other alternative is to invest in a Swiss Property Mutual Fund, but that interest is very low – about 1 ½% and it is also not easy to get in as they too are not keen on accepting small amounts.

However in both cases, a condition which I stipulated was agreeable.

Short of returning to the ordinary share market investment, I cannot see a way out. I have not given a reply to my lawyer's proposal but he will wait for it.

He told me that Swiss share market suffered in the wake of the Wall Street drop in prices, so that Swiss bonds as well as Real Estate Mutuals have fallen down.

Well, if you have any advice I shall be grateful.

Thank you,

With Peace & Affection

Paul

Mr. Kenneth T. HURST

³³¹ "Personal" written to the left of address

³³² "the security of" written below line, circled, and inserted with a caret

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(U.S.A)]

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Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Paul Brunton
Fort Lee, New Jersey
October 25, 1970

[Your Sept. 3 letter, dear P.B.

awaited my return. The office neglected to forward it!

(1) A fever laid me low midweek, so I took the opportunity to fast 84 hours. I broke the fast this morning, and the fever has gone. This is my first day out of bed, but I feel cleansed and rested. It was a good chance, as you point out in SCOM, to let business tensions dissolve under the blankets. Can you clarify one point for me? Is it after 24 hours that the body starts to feed upon accumulated wastes and toxins? One book I have on fasting says "after 3 days." Yet you used to recommend 36 hour short fasts. And in SISE, Tahra Bey says a 2 day burial is equal to a 2 day fast by giving the organs a rest. I read the paperback Egypt in bed; I like the large clear type. It's a good production job.

(2) My return trip was smooth, and all is well at the office.

(3) I have hung Hesper's tanka in a place of honor above my couch-bed. It now dominates the room.

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(5) Unless you feel I should, I do not plan to answer the enclosed letter from Carol Lanier?

(6) Today's radio news said Dr. Timothy Leary ~~was~~ {is} in Amman as a guest of the rebel leader. Apparently broke his bail and is a fugitive from USA!

(7) I wrote Bernadette Green today and gave her the Ramakrishna Centre address. I'm also going to send her (a) paperback "Secret Path", and (b) "Yoga" by James Hewett.

(8) I have not heard from Erna since my return. So next weekend I'll go around to her old place, and see if she still lives there.

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(10) I enjoyed my visit with you in Lugano very much indeed. And the weather smiled upon us. Thank you for everything - including the delicious meals.

(11) I notice during fasting I become more sensitive to the "psychic underworld scum" with its attendant horrors - but I used the protective mantrum and had no problem. Also last night after reading Egypt and feeling inspired and relaxed and resolved to put forth new spiritual efforts, then sleep eluded me and I found the ego rampaging about business "injuries" even though in SCOM you point out (and I accept) the danger of this. A little disheartening! But every new day brings a new beginning - so I'll keep trying!!

With all my love, Kenneth]

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Fort Lee, New Jersey
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With all my love, Kenneth]

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415 - 416

Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Paul Brunton
Fort Lee, New Jersey
October 26, 1970

[Your letter of the 21st my dear P. B. – just arrived before I sealed this envelope, so I am able to enclose my reply! Yes, I am happy to advise you on your investment problem; thank you for bringing it to me. However, frankly I'm not sure what answer to give: the mortgage proposal of 6% (4% net after tax) is not overly attractive. After all you could reap 6% here in USA on a 2-year savings bank certificate. What bothers me more is the point you raise about foreclosure on the mortgage if the lawyer's client fails to meet the interest due; this, I presume, means they take over possession of the house. But, in bad times, they might be unable to resell the house to someone else? Then your investment might be frozen in an unsalable property? Admittedly it is only a possibility, but it is there, and thereby lessens the security of your investment. (Although I suppose the same could be true of a USA savings bank in a depression!) Did your lawyer mention on what terms (notice to be given in time) you could withdraw your investment?

I agree the Mutual Fund is even less attractive. If there is no urgent hurry, could I suggest that I consult a Swiss businessman of my acquaintance here in NYC? He knows the Swiss investment market and might be able to offer some ideas which I could then pass onto you. I will plan to see him in the next few weeks – and will then write you again after giving the matter further thought.

Incidentally, if you should visit Zurich, don't you have a banker friend there? He might be able to suggest an alternative investment possibility for you?

So, trusting the matter can wait, I'll write again in a few weeks' time.

I returned to the office today, and am feeling in better health. The after-fast increased sensitivity jarred my nerves somewhat, though –that plus the extremely heavy workload.

Oh, yet another letter arrived today from Carol Lanier!

All my love,

Kenneth]

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417 - 418

Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Paul Brunton
Fort Lee, New Jersey
October 28, 1970

[Part III]

Dear P.B. –

Since my return I've seamailed you 2 books -

1) "Rose of Tibet" - good descriptions of Tibetan monastery, but beware of ugly violence scene late in book when they are fleeing Red China and skip these pages. They are unpleasant. The opening publishing company scenes are humorous. Well written. Unusual.

2) Michael Juste's book of poems. If you do not wish to keep, I can collect it on my next visit. I think they are very good.

3) Will seamaile you our founder/chairman (R.P. {illegible}) own new privately published book "Everything Happens for the Best." It's a tribute to the power of positive thinking! You'll recall we discussed him during our walk in Lugano park (a very pleasant memory!) The book is only for internal PH executive distribution - but reveals the philosophy of a successful publishing house.

After my fast I had a tremendous hankering for fresh fruit - and stuffed myself with same for 2 days! It's interesting how fasting restores the body's natural tastes - cooked food becomes unappealing.

Well, I will now finally close and mail this 3-stage letter!

Love, Kenneth]

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Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Paul Brunton

Fort Lee, New Jersey

November 27, 1970

[Today being a holiday, dear P.B. -
provides the opportunity to write you!

(1) I spent a Sunday with Bobby Hutchinson in Connecticut, and gave him your London mail address. He seems to be all right, but complained of feeling very lonely. However this week he has flown (KLM with his son) to Amsterdam to spend a few weeks there with his Bertie and then will pass the winter in London at the English-speaking Union Club. He has friends in London. He is no longer permitted to drive a car because of bad eye sight and therefore is confined to the Barlow House. But in London he can just take a bus and get about. And in two years' time, Bertie will retire from KLM at age 55, and they'll come to live with him at the Barlow House. He said I cheered him up by visiting him! Poor Hesper's "shrine room" has been dismantled and turned into a living room. Bobby said the doctor told him Hesper's death was a blessing in disguise - else she would have developed complete paralysis within one year!

(2) I have seamailed you a new PH book "Nightmare in Athens" by Margaret Papandreou (wife of Andreas.) I'm sorry our Trade division published it for it is blatant Communist one-sided propaganda. But, as we both know Greece, you will find it of interest. I have turned down corners of pages of particular interest in case you don't have time to wade through the whole book! As I said, I regret PH is the publisher, but I had no foreknowledge of it. However, I have "banned" overseas distribution, as my personal "contribution"! The book is also bitterly anti-American,

and I am surprised we published it. But I suppose another publisher would have done so.

(3) I took Erna to dinner a week ago. She seemed in good spirits, but uncertain of her future plans. I heard the whole story of her Italian "campaign." She is now trying to recoup her expenses (\$2000) but has nothing in writing. She trusted her employer "as a gentleman." Ah, these unworldly artists! I'm keeping in touch with her, and will help if needed. If she returns to Italy (she's vague on this) she accepts that she cannot reside in Lugano!

(4) I went to the ballet with Edmund last night (enjoyed "Swan Lake"). He plans to visit his home and brother for 2 weeks, either around Xmas, or more likely, in February.

(5) I've obtained the potato scraper + Vogue broth powder. But got the wrong Ceres powder. Will go back again for the "low-sodium". I'll repack them all, and ship {illegible}³³⁴

(6) I spoke to my Swiss friend about your financial problem, but he is not as knowledgeable as I had hoped and could not really help very much. However, of the two proposals your lawyer presented, I recommend the mortgage one. 6% interest (4% net) would not be too bad; about average and compares, for instance, with 2-year saving certificates here from savings banks. If the money is invested in apartment houses rather than private homes, this is more desirable. In case of a depression, it is easier to rent apartments than whole houses. And with a real depression one's money might be tied up no matter where invested. Eventually one hopes it would be safe. But there is no 100% safety in any investment! So, as the amount represents only part of your ~~investment~~ total portfolio,³³⁵ I would go ahead with your lawyer's proposal. Is there any specified time period - or withdrawal notice time period involved? I'd be interested to learn your final outcome!

(7) I've been working too hard, and too many long hours. I had to take a day off last week just to rest in bed. There is always something to do - so very few limited rest periods. I am going to investigate the possibility of a winter holiday to get away from it all! It might be a good investment in maintaining good health!]

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Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst

Via Carona 38, CH 6900 Lugano-2-Paradiso (Ticino), Lugano, Switzerland

November 30, 1970

[Your letter of 25/29 October, dear Kenneth - - -

(1) Fasting: Yes, it is after 24 hours that the fermenting and stirring-up of accumulations begins but it is only after 36 hours that cleansing proper really begins. My recommendation of {illegible} hour-fasts, ~~was~~ repeated as necessary, was primarily for those engaged in much activity, who have no chance to rest: also short fasts are protective again psychic trouble, which may be induced easily by long ones.³³⁶

³³⁴ Illegible - off page

³³⁵ "total portfolio" written above line and inserted with caret

³³⁶ "may be induced easily by long ones." written below paragraph and inserted with an

(2) My landlord also has now raised the rent, like yours. Inflation is now starting in this country at last, as statistics show.

(3) Do not answer any letters from Carol Collins Lanier under any circumstances. Nor keep them – just destroy them. We can see that her references to Norma Hutzler last year were fabrications, and that she left the mental hospital half-cured. Such cases are always liable to relapse, so she may go back there. I suspect drug-taking. I am trying to get someone locally to talk to her and stop this nuisance. Yes. Dr {illegible} escaped from jail, where he was serving a sentence.

(4) Rose of Tibet read. Very readable. M. Juste's poetry book excellent, but do not wish to keep if you want it. They can await your disposal.

(5) Will await result your talk with your friend – I saw my-banker but he was discouraging – The lawyer pooh-poohed the idea of insecurity if I take a mortgage. He is away these past two weeks but his secretary says he will be in his office on the 3rd when I hope to see him again re (a) what withdrawal terms (b) re his approaching my landlord, who I have been investigating and found has interests in other parts of Switz too. I shall write again after the interview.

With peace & affection P.B.]

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427 – 428

Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Paul Brunton

Fort Lee, New Jersey

December 7, 1970

[Your Nov. 30 letter, dear P.B.
crossed mine of the 27th in the mail!

1) Thank you for the information on fasting.

(2) Fortunately my rental increase has now been compensated for by a \$1000 salary increase they have just awarded me. so I have come out ahead! But I'm sorry to hear about yours.

3) No, I only received the 2 letters from CCL, and I did not answer them, but forwarded them to you. Thank you for your warning, which of course I shall observe.

(4) I've discovered another copy of "Many Brightnesses" so if you wish to keep it, please do so. I too enjoyed "Rose of Tibet" but I do not need it back; perhaps the Glasses might enjoy it.

(5) I'm leaving Thursday morning for a week's holiday in Curacao, Dutch West Indies. It's supposed to be a restful quiet place, and I feel badly in need of a change and rest from the grind of office pressures. I fly non-stop on KLM (4 HRS). Being close to the equator it is reputed to be sunny and warm year round. I'm looking forward to it! Will be back Dec 18.

(6) In my Nov. 27 letter, I advised going ahead with your lawyer's mortgage operation.

So, for now, All my love,

Kenneth]

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429 - 432

Letter from H to Goswani
Fort Lee, New Jersey

[Dear Mr. Goswani:

If there be only one Truth, then the visages it presents through its instruments must likewise be similar. Does not a common thread run through all religions, all philosophies?

Quite frankly I do not find it at all remarkable that two different people at different places come to the same ideas independently. How could it be otherwise - if they both find the real Truth? And what of all the others preceding Sri Aurobindo and Dr. Brunton who expressed the same ideas? Is Aurobindo thereby indebted to all who expressed them before him -or is it that they all drank from the same well of Truth?

The evolution of the superman was clearly stated by Madame H. P. Blavatsky ("The Secret Doctrine, Book I,) - published in 1888 - when Sri Aurobindo was only sixteen.

The "Overself" concept (called the "Oversoul" by Emerson, and the "Father" by Jesus) is ages old and prevalent in most ancient Eastern philosophies, and today in many Western schools such as Unity, and the Church of Religious Science, for instance.

I know of no special relationship between Dr. Brunton and Sri Aurobindo. Indeed, in several of his books,³³⁷ Dr. Brunton has acknowledged Sri Ramana Maharshi has his own guru. One might as well ask what was the indebtedness of these two peers and countrymen to each other? Maharshi and Aurobindo.)

I regret I cannot agree that Dr. Brunton has "kept himself aloof." He was a pioneer in presenting Yoga in terms suitable for modern Western³³⁸ living; he has fulfilled his outer mission by interpreting in his books ancient Indian philosophy to meet the needs of today's world; and he has ~~pinpointed~~ diagnosed the causes of the current world situation - and pointed to the remedies for them - in "The Spiritual Crisis of Man."

³³⁷ "in several of his books" written below line and inserted with an arrow

³³⁸ "Western" written before "modern", circled and inserted with an arrow here

Although now in retirement, he carries on his work for humanity in other ways.

Cordially yours,
H]

L42.433

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Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
Casella Postale 105, 6902 Paradiso, Ticino
Lugano, Switzerland
December 10, 1970

[Your letter, 27 Nov, dear Kenneth ---

After the interview this week with my lawyer the following emerges

(1) Firms such as my landlord's (whom he knows) are suffering a depression. They own land which ties up capital but, for some time couldn't build on it, as planned, because of various factors. He is quite sure that I would do better to use my small capital on a mortgage affair

(2) The traditional terms for settling, withdrawing, or paying interest, are (a) 3 months' notice (b) interest paid in June & December i.e. twice yearly (c) If mortgagee wishes to settle & close a/c, he too gives notice of (d) a withdrawal, total, might need a further, 6-9 month waiting period, or might not, dependent on circumstances. (e) The lawyer says there is usually no difficulty. Of course I would prefer an apartment building to a house, but those owners deal in bigger sums than I have. Anyway he says in this country transactions of this kind are generally OK, and he is shrewd also

I have decided to accept his suggestion and go ahead. Do you think I am wise? If not please give an opinion SOON³³⁹ because a scholar like me does not know enough about business Thanks.

With Peace, & Affection. PB

New Address Casella Postale, 105
~~6900~~ 6902. Paradiso. Ticino, Switzerland]³⁴⁰

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Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
Lugano, Switzerland
December 19, 1970

[Your letter 7th dear Kenneth - - -

(1) As soon as I receive your go ahead signal, after your perusal of my previous letter, I shall instruct the lawyer to find a client for my mortgage I merely await your opinion, as it is now time to take action. But I have to go to Zurich for a week, where I shall stay at Hotel Ambassador, FALKenstrasse 6. Arriving 23rd Dec

³³⁹ "SOON" written above line and inserted with a caret

³⁴⁰ New Address written in left margin

leaving 29th

(2) Len's injury and the extra care he needs will have been hard on him and Mother. I wonder what the diagnosis was?

(3) I wonder too how you enjoyed {illegible} knowing so little about the place

(4) Rascher Verlag are liquidating! (You know the head of the firm died unexpectedly last year). They are looking for a publisher willing to take over the PB books "at the costs of production." They have mentioned "ORIGO-VERLAG" (Dr Wyss) but await result. It sounds Swiss; and want to know if I approve but I never heard of them: have you? (b) Otto Wilhelm Barth, of Germany refused but I would have refused him, owing to unfortunate experience with him before war.

The point is – do you know or can suggest any German publisher who takes an interest in the subjects I wrote about and might take over the titles? If so please let me know by return. This has come suddenly, out of the blue, and they seem in a great hurry to liquidate. I thought of the man we met in {illegible} but could not remember his name. Can you? However his may be too small a firm, as when I mentioned a Stuttgart man who had come here to see me and wanted my next book, Rascheer rejected his firm as "too tiny." Evidently they are in great need of money. I know they have debts to creditors, and that they have not paid last year's royalty. Thanks.

(5) If Edmund comes for Xmas to Zurich please give him my hotel address & dates in case he can get away from his family for a meeting

(6) I had a lockbox offered at the local PO after I had applied last March and they said then³⁴¹ there was a long waiting list. So I accepted, because there is a possibility of another move in 1 year and because of difficulties with the mail at apartment building.

So no mail will be delivered to VC 38, PO said and it goes only into

CASELLA POSTALE 105

C.H. 6902 LUGANO – PARADISO

Ticino, Switzerland

(this is the form of address they gave me)

With Peace & Affection

P.B.

PS. I shall be having conferences in Zurich with this new man a Helmut Wieser, who is now in charge of Rascher's, as he says the matter of my books must be settled during January at the latest. He wrote, and I then discussed by phone. He seems "tough" and is keeping {Mr} Rascher out of the picture. Perhaps the creditors have put him in charge.]³⁴²

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Lugano, Switzerland

³⁴¹ "then" written above line and inserted with a caret

³⁴² "the creditors have put him in charge" written in left margin and pointed to with arrow and end of page

{January 1, 1971}

This acknowledges your card from Curacao, & letters Dec 19, 24, 29
dear Kenneth . . .

(1)³⁴³ There was a pleasant visit from Edmund [Nov 27/28]

(2)³⁴⁴ The relaxation in Dutch W.I. seems to have been a successful idea benefitting you physically and mentally.

(3) I have no news about my trouble with Rascher firm. I gave them the exact words of your recommendation to Oesch, Thalwill, for my books but as they were waiting for decisions from a German and Swiss publisher they thought to wait. However I urged them to inform Oesch despite that: so far I have no news still so tomorrow I shall phone Rascher altho the man who was temp. manager started a new job yesterday and there is only ordinary bookshop staff. I am wondering what a sad fate for the firm. I shall mention tomorrow your other recommendation, Mr Keller of Geneva.³⁴⁵ Anyway don't worry, you did not fail me, as everything was suspended due Swiss taking holidays after Xmas! I spent a week in Zurich of which for 3 ½ days the vegetarian restaurants were closed for holidays - it was difficult.

(5)³⁴⁶ Concerning my other personal problem, I had an uneasy feeling all the time about this mortgage business and could not bring myself to act on that line. The reasons I told you previously, yet I could not find another way. Suddenly the Canton of Vaud (in which Lausanne is situate) announced a Loan offering 6%: this I took as a sign and arranged with my bank manager to apply on my behalf. He warned me that such offerings are heavily oversubscribed. It turned out to be so, but I was lucky enough to get an allotment of 20,000 franc shares. Of course there is 30% withheld but in this country it is an extremely high interest. He assured me it is always quickly saleable, (not having to wait 3/9 months³⁴⁷ as with mortgage) and of course as secure as govt stock. Had the mortgage been on an apartment bldg it would have been more favorable but such business goes only to large investors. Anyway after my³⁴⁸ waiting 2 weeks for him³⁴⁹ the manager will be able to see me tomorrow (he is one of the busiest men, always with these Italian capitalists) to arrange about my 10,000 balance.

(6) You mention having dinner with the Julian Press head and with Donald Weiser. I wonder if they would be interested in doing an English language translation of Bo Yin Ra's books (40 of them!) dealing with our line of thought. He died in Lugano some years ago and I met his family who showed the work (in German & French) very good stuff. A widow, and 3 oldmaid daughters!

(7) Neither the Brothpowder nor "Heres Health" magazine arrived yet (thanks for the subscription) but I want to save your time so I will ~~I believe be able to~~ arrange the broth thru Romaine in future. The "Lastic Laces" have been most successful and

³⁴³ Checkmark/X mark to the left of (1)

³⁴⁴ Checkmark/X mark to the left of (2)

³⁴⁵ Period added bytypist

³⁴⁶ There is no (4)

³⁴⁷ Checkmark/X mark in front of "months"

³⁴⁸ Typed above line and inserted with a caret

³⁴⁹ Typed above line and inserted with a caret

I wonder if you can find out whether they are also made for two eyelets (which is shorter than the 24 inches you sent? If so I could use 2 pairs, and in any case another 2 pairs of the 24 inch size. The Spectacle Grips are also good but the smallest narrowest size which I mostly use wear out or the rubber perishes a little which expands them; they then fall off and get lost, so I could do with replacements. Many thanks!

I acknowledge receipt of book "Nightmare over Athens" and was pleased to learn of your effort to limit its distribution. But I am sorry that your firm was made use of for it. As I happened to be there³⁵⁰ at the time I found it very interesting, though. But it is slanted, negative, and what it does not say is more important . . . The³⁵¹ potato peeler also did not arrive yet but I am patient!

Can you please look up the Brooklyn phone directory and send me the full address of the firm which employed Erna before she quarreled and³⁵² left them. I believe it is AUSTIN REPRODUCTION CO. but please don't mention this request to her.

If you can send a used copy of a 1941 book THE PRAGMATIC TEST by Professor³⁵³ Henry Parkes, I'd be grateful. Publisher was the Colt Press San francisco calif.

Am keeping well. Oh one final point. I read in PH newsletter of the heavy returns from Hemel Hempstead warehouse due cartons bearing "return request"! The thought occurs: if you insert the words Postal Class³⁵⁴ between rate and books the British dealers might understand the marking better. Or is it all a joke?³⁵⁵ My own publishers, Hutchinson are following your example and moving most of the offices from London to Hertfordshire (Radlett) the reason being the continuing high rents in town. Lusty, the managing director, says before war he was with ~~Michael Joseph~~ Michael Joseph³⁵⁶ in Bloomsbury. They paid £365 for the house. Now it is £17,000!

L42.443

443 - 446

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
Lugano, Switzerland
February 26, 1971

Subsequent to my letter of 2 Feb, dear Kenneth . .

. . . I found a solution to the problem of the other third. I applied for a loan issued yesterday. It may take a couple of weeks before I learn whether I got the full amount or only a part. It is called CREDIT FONCIER SUISSE, ZURICH and pays also 6%. It was established 1896 and does a thousand million francs business yearly. I went to

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³⁵¹ Checkmark/X before "The" in the margin

³⁵² Checkmark/X before "and" in the margin

³⁵³ W/ before Professor in the margin

³⁵⁴ Checkmark/X before "returns" in the margin

³⁵⁵ Sentence circled by hand

³⁵⁶ "Michael Joseph" written below line, circled, and inserted with an arrow

the manager of my bank and asked his appraisal and he thought it very good, reliable and reputable. There are Credit Foncier institutions in other kantons, not more than 1 in each. It is primarily a Mortgage Bank but makes advances on new or old constructions, real estate; whereas my lawyer would have arranged a mortgage with a single householder probably, with all the longdrawn out waiting period if one needed to realise the cash, this deals with dozens of individuals, firms, municipalities, etc so the shares are easily disposable. It also acts as a Trustee for city council financial loans. I knew there was such a Foncier in the kanton for Lausanne but there was no issue of shares available: this one came out the day I wrote you but after I posted the letter. I repeat these are shares which I applied for I have nothing to do with the mortgages themselves

[Since³⁵⁷ the above was written the news came that this issue also was over-subscribed. I was allotted Franco 5,000 share. So I'll let the balance wait, a-while I can find another new outlet for it. Anyway most of my money is now invested here and well so! It was worth waiting for the right outlet³⁵⁸ (2) Thanks for the broth powder which arrived, also the books Nightmare over Athens, {Peacock} & Basic German Dictionary. (3) The problem of my bankrupt publisher Rascher has been solved! The Hermann Bauer {Verlag} of Freiburg, Germany³⁵⁹ are keen to have my titles so they take over 1st March. They specialise in occult, psychic ESP but recently bought up another small publisher, publish an occult magazine {illegible}³⁶⁰ & do most of their business by mail. They have a list of 100,000 names & use a computer. They want to expand. Hand they refused I would have gone to {illegible}. (4) Regarding the somewhat insinuating letter to you from Goswanii³⁶¹ the Indian man who knows {illegible}, let the matter drop. We can't waste time on these small minds. The way I live is my affair, not his. (3a) I forgot to mention that a leading reason to accept Bauer was that the German market is so very much bigger than the Swiss, it's better to have a publisher inside Germany. (5) I liked the photo of you and the U S Ambassador at Frankfurt – a good idea – the two Kenneths! (6) The next news is that I am arranging to move from Lugano to Montreux, which is 1/2 hour by train from Lausanne, in French-speaking Switzerland. The Swiss govt have granted me permission and I have found an apartment there. The building will be finished 30 April, so I plan to move in then. All the reasons for this surprise, and the new conditions there will be given you later on. I am very reluctant to leave this magnificent view here, but other issues have decided me.

Accept the Peace!
affectionately

24th March

P.B.

Kenneth T. HURST,
2400 HUDSON Terrace (HalfMoon Apts. 6-W)
New JERSEY, 07024, FORT LEE

³⁵⁷ The rest of the letter is handwritten

³⁵⁸ Written above line and in right margin and inserted with a caret and arrow

³⁵⁹ Written in left margin and inserted with an arrow

³⁶⁰ Illegible – Written above line and inserted with a caret.

³⁶¹ Written above line and inserted with a caret

Stati Uniti d'America
(U.S.A.)]

L42.447

447 - 450

Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Paul Brunton
Fort Lee, New Jersey
March 7, 1971

[Your letters always bring inspiration, dear PB, . . . and those of February 2 and 24 were very welcome.

(1) Congratulations on the two business deals! I fully agree with you on their excellence. As you say, it was well worth while waiting! They seem very sound arrangements. And preferable to the earlier proposals by your lawyer.

(2) I will try to see Donald Weiser soon re Bo Yin Ra (and order "The Pragmatic Test") but both he and Julian Press prefer English original works or reprints. But we will see. Weiser has been away but should be back now.

(3) I have obtained the Spectacle Grips replacements, and 2 24" "Lastic-Laces", and will seamail them this week. They should arrive before you leave Lugano. The mfr. did not answer my query on the two eyelet size, so I'm writing him again.

(4) Did you receive the peeler in the last seamail envelope? I have another one and will enclose that in the current mailing.

(5) The Brooklyn phone book lists the AUSTIN PRODUCTION CO., 1637 62nd Street, Brooklyn, New York.

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(7) I am very glad you are keeping well.

(8) I do not know Hermann Bauer Verlag but it is good news they're eager to have all your books. Actually they could also be potential German pubs. of some of our PH occult books? At your convenience, could you give me the name of the man in charge of foreign rights? Thanks.

~~(9)~~ Yes, I can understand the advantage of a German publisher rather than a Swiss. It's a pity about Rascher; I wonder what Miss Poggensee will do?

(9) Erna keeps in touch, and ~~ap~~ seems to be doing well with her sculpture assignments.

(10) So, nous allons ches Montreux! I've found on the map, at end of Lake Geneva. The name is familiar to me but I cannot place the connotation. Anyway I'm relieved that you will be freed from the nuisances at your present abode. I hope you'll allow me to visit Montreux in October. I go to England next month for just two weeks, and then straight back here. Our Easter annual conferences of all the UK & Europe men.

(11) Ah, now you're faced with all the problems of packing again. I wish I could help you. Do you have anyone?

Thank you for everything! All my love, Kenneth]

L42.451

447 - 450

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L42.455

455 - 456

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
Lugano, Switzerland

March 20, 1971

[Your letter 7 March, dear Kenneth - -

(1) Yes I believe that the Bauer firm would be interested in the Parker Co list. I don't know the name of their foreign rights man - his signature was illegible - but he corresponds in English. Their list of titles seems very short, and as far as I could judge, at least ½ are American. The quality of printing of their magazine Esotera' is inferior. Anyway they are going to push my works. They might be useful to P-H, so if you want to try the address is: (Not a large city)

HERMANN BAUER VERLAG KG

7800, FREIBURG i. BR

{Postfach} 167

Germany

(2)³⁶² I am due to vacate Lugano apt on 30 April moving into new one 1 May. Lugano P.O. will forward mail after I leave, so until I can get a confirmed mail address, which probably won't be until 2nd May, you may continue with the old one.

(3)³⁶³ I haven't anyone to help with packing but as furniture is involved I shall turn the entire job over to the firm here who have handled my work, very efficiently so far. Their own truck will take everything to Montreux.³⁶⁴ However Arthur has volunteered but he has little capacity for this kind of work - slow and weak - but I'll let him come anyway

(4) The peeler arrived the day after I wrote you last. What an artistic handle! A joy to use.]

L42.457

457 - 458

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst

Lugano, Switzerland

April 7, 1971

[Your letter 27, III, dear Kenneth - - -

It is very good of you to offer to come for the packing job but there is no need for this upset to necessary business plans. Arthur is coming for at least 2 weeks and the transport firm are also sending their men for the heavier work, so it has been now well arranged, and without undue pressure.

I leave on the 29th or 30th this month. From May 1st my residence address will be: -

CHEMIN de BALLALAZ,

Apartement 11, (eleven)

1ere etage, Bloc A.

1820 MONTREUX, (VAUD)

Whether this will be the mail address Suisse I cannot settle until after arrival there, as the territory is new, when also the phone number is allotted.

However thank you again for the offer but I'll manage new without difficulty,

³⁶² 2 enclosed in a square instead of the usual circle

³⁶³ 3 enclosed in a square instead of the usual circle

³⁶⁴ Period added by typist

so don't be anxious.

I may telex you about this matter, also, as postal communications with/from UK are not yet quite in order here.

Good about your acceptance of the Evian holiday, which with Montreux, will be a better break for you I hope.

Thanks for "Here's Health" the first issue having now come + the Rhetoric book. I notice a "French Grammar: the Key to Reading" by Colette Brichant in your catalog, paperback. If you can send one, it will be helpful, also a dictionary if there is one in the output of P-H; there does not seem to be one in catalog.

Well, with Peace & Affection
P.B.]

L42.459

459 - 462

Letter from Kenneth Hurst
Fort Lee, New Jersey
May 30, 1971

[Your liking, I have sent you (seamail) two sets of books to assist in polishing your French. They should arrive soon.

I have just returned from visiting Pat a& Jim Covell in Rhode Island (200 miles away). Since my last visit a year ago, two major events have occurred:

1) Jim found a good job with a large printing firm last August. He keeps the schedules of work in progress, likes it enormously and is learning about printing. He enjoys being in the commercial world, dealing with adults, after a lifetime of associating with students!

2) They moved last month to a new, larger garden apartment. It is light and cheery, with a pleasant terrace, in quiet, green environs. ~~As a result~~ (The old one was gloomy & depressive.) As a result of these changes, Jim is a transformed man! He's articulate, smiling, humorous, positive, etc. I was fairly amazed. He kept me up to 3 talking! But I'm the only quester he's seen for a year - so it was an occasion. He is very devoted to P.B. - and told me how you helped him through his critical periods. I quite like Jim, and find him erudite and interesting.

Pat's health is still a problem. She has little energy and is an invalid. But possessed of an indomitable spirit! They seem very happy together, and Jim looks after her.

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³⁶⁵ Written above line and inserted with a caret

I enclose my travel schedule - I'll catch the first connecting train from Geneva (allowing about one hour from flight arrival to the station.) I'm looking forward very much to seeing you again!

With all my love,
Kenneth]

L42.463

463 - 464

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Kenneth

L42.465

465 - 468

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
Chemin de Ballallaz 14 Bloc A. App, 11 CH 1820 Montreux, Switzerland
July³⁶⁷ 20, 1971³⁶⁸

Phone: (021) = area prefix
62-16-46

Thank you for your patience in waiting, dear Kenneth . . .

, , , for the following acknowledgments: Weiser's Catalog (How he has developed the business since first I saw his dusty shop!) Clips and Leaflets (which I've put aside for discussion when we met) PH Annual Report '70: Newsletters of PHI: Books=Berlitz Basic French Dicty & French for Travelers & 6 academic French Grammars @ Readings Hibb's WRITING: Your letters May 30, June 28.

I waited until today in hope of being able to complete news about my own financial situation. Although the matter still drags on, due in part to my removal³⁶⁹ job and in part to fall in local interest rates, I have succeeded in making further progress. Two investments have been made. On the first, for which I applied for my total balance, it was a heavily oversubscribed New Issue "Forces Mo[tr]ices du Nord Est de Suisse" which supplies electric current to 4 kantons, including Zurich. The interest is 6 %. They allotted me only Francs 2,000.³⁷⁰ Today I got news that I have acquired 15 shares in "Societe Romande de'Electricite" which supplies Lausanne Montreux geneva etc. and sells apparatus. This was not a new issue but as I found the dividends declared for past ha[l]f dozen year averaged 7% which at current buying price would come down to about 6% I bought shares on the Exchange. I paid about Fr5300 for them. My bank mgr who has been personally most helpful to me and speaks English, supported these purchases. I now have about Fr 2600 to invest still and I shall continue looking for opportunity. The last item of course is not a Bond, an Obligation with fixed interest, but a Share, whose dividends may rise or fall. The Bank will offer 5 and $\frac{3}{4}$ % fixed interest [on] Deposit[s] for 5 years, so I always have that to fall back on, but if you advise me to accept I'd do so. Of course If I wanted to withdraw in 2 or 3 years I could, but then the interest would be reduced by deduction of $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ %

Well having written about my dealings³⁷¹ with the god Mammon, I should balance by the opposing force. The death of your boss, Mr Ettinger, after having reached the peak of success in his business shows how transient life is. You can't

³⁶⁷ Changed from "June" to "July" by hand.

³⁶⁸ A note typed next to the date where the "7" in "1971" is crossed reads "Here in Switz the fig. seven is crossed to avoid confusion with a one, which is written 1".

³⁶⁹ written above line and inserted with caret

³⁷⁰ Period handwritten

³⁷¹ written above line and inserted with caret

take it with you, and similar platitudinous truths. But I think³⁷² he has done a worth while job with his life, and been more useful and helpful to more people than most of the swamis. But there is a proper time for every activity and perhaps, during the last few years of E's life, he might have taken more interest in his own inner future and found out a few things about that. Perhaps he did, I don't know. Anyway I agree fully with your tribute in April Newsletter to him

(1) The French books were good and now I have all the grammars and travelphrase pocket books needed. But I have not an adequate-size heavier dictionary for office and literary use (The University of Lausanne have given me the privilege of borrowing books from their Library)I also subscribe to the Journal de Montreux for local affairs and advertisements (2) Why has Australia been removed from PHI List of branches? (3) Thanks for the offer but I read Queen Frederica's autobiography already. I believe but am not sure that Macmillans. have not been able to sell off the first printing yet, altho' it has been out two months. (4) Yes I am settling into the new home and most problems are now disposed of. So far I am satisfied with the move from Lugano, while the benefit to my physical vitality is marked.

It is good for Basil that he died peaceful in sleep like Dan, if he had to die

[(5) I am interested to learn how Riley watches and follows you, in preparation for his next (human) birth. At least he/she will be able to make the bed, shave etc after such training!

(6) Yes, you are welcome to visit me in October. Geneva is the nearest main international airport. Trains from there are fast to Lausanne, where you'd probably have to change for Montreux, but I'm not sure. I believe we took the ferry steamer from Lausanne across the lake to Evian (half an hour) If you like, and have the time, after visiting Montreux we could have a short holiday near there {(Thenon)} where, at a college for waiters & cooks I got wonderful special vege meals in modern surroundings, very cheap, very quiet in October, restful. So now I have to switch over from Italian to French, which I knew (know) but which has rusted.

(7) More and more, this world situation - ecology problems in USA, strikes in UK, etc point up the need for a new (third) system to replace capitalism & communism, or problems remain insoluble. The change would be drastic and evaded by both, but where can they turn? At root of course it's a spiritual problem - an egos one, as usual! With Peace

and Affection P.B.]

L42.469

469 - 472

Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Paul Brunton

Fort Lee, New Jersey

July 25, 1971

[Your welcome letter of the 20th, dear P.B. - arrived yesterday. It presumably crossed with mine written en vacances at Chanterwood.

³⁷² written above line and inserted with a caret

- (1) Yes, it is impressive how young Donald Weiser has developed the wholesale, mailorder, and reprint side of his father's business – in about 13 years.
- (2) Your dealings with Mammon seem to have been eminently successful, and I congratulate you on them! I think I would recommend putting the balance of your portfolio into the Bank's 5 ¾% longterm deposits. Unless your manager hears of any further investment possibilities for you.
- (3) I agree with your comments on Mr. Ettinger.
- (4) Australia is still very active, in fact I'm going there to open a second (warehousing) company. I've been working on its plans over six months. Where did you see it³⁷³ omitted?
- (5) I'm very glad your new home has turned out well.
- (6) I enjoyed my Chanterwood vacation; it's a quiet relaxing place. And I attended two of the nearby Tanglewood concerts.
- (7) During my absence my secretary took a telephone message from Erna that she was leaving for Europe until the end of August. I know no details.
- (8) En route driving back from Chanterwood I stopped at Bobby Hutchinson's to see how he was. He seemed in much better physical and mental condition than when I saw him last November. Although tears came into his eyes when he spoke of Hesper. Because her memory pervades the house he is planning to sell it, and move to London. Meanwhile he has obtained an excellent live-in Greek maid-cook who looks after him. His daughter, Anne, who now lives in England, was also staying with him for a few weeks.
- (9) Yes, I will telephone you from Geneva station on Monday, September 27 (probably around 4 pm). And if we miss each other I'll follow your taxi instructions to your home. Is there anything I can bring you? I am looking forward very much to seeing you again.
- (10) All goes well at the office. Although I'm often reminded of Wordsworth's "Getting and spending, we lay waste our powers!" Everything can wait until we meet.

So until our reunion, I send all my love,
As always,

Kenneth]

L42.473

473 – 474

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
Lugano, Switzerland
August 4, {1971}

PRENHALL HEMEL
79201 TXCAB CH

TELEX LUGANO 8/4 1105

HURST OFFER GRATEFUL BUT NOT NECESSARY TRANSPORT COMPANY

³⁷³ Written above line and inserted with a caret

PACKING TOMORROW
BRUNTON

PRENHALL HEMEL
79201 TXCAB CH

L42.475

475 - 476

Letter from Paul Brunton to Kenneth Hurst
Montreux, Switzerland
August 12, 1971

[Your letter 25 July, dear Kenneth - - -

(1) The holiday in France must be reduced to a day trip across the lake dear Kenneth. I went over to inspect the situation last week and found a new management at the hotel. There is no longer the cooperative readiness to cater for vegetarians. We'll do better to take other day or rather $\frac{1}{2}$ day trips on the little mountain railway (3)³⁷⁴ starting from here. I went {illegible} Caux, MRA, H.Q. 6000 miles high in 25 minutes. {illegible} is at Les Cevant, $\frac{1}{2}$ hour away. Chaplin in Verey 15 min. by train where we can get excellent tea (Chinese) in good hotel

(2) The other reason is that my landlord has changed his plans and will have my garage {(for store completely)} ready 2nd of September so I must be here to arrange moving in from the space which he will want back

(3) There are lovely walks, if weather permits, on the lake front plenty of flowers

(4) There is a possible chance coming up near here for a favorable investment of my Francs 2,648 balance very soon.

(5) The street "Chemin de Ballallaz" was official named this week and a sign put up. But no # yet!

(6) The Australian branch address was not omitted but cancelled out by ink written cross on a sheet I have. Its photo {illegible} & headed "Prentice Hall is represented abroad by PH International" and then follows the list of countries. I'll keep it for you

(7) The Music Festival has been extended here until 5 October as this attracts many visitors I ought to make a hotel reservation now for you. But I don't know how high or low priced room to get. Single rooms with shower & toilet, single room with bath, or ordinary sleep room (in latter case you could use my bathtub) So please let me know soon.

(8) A raincoat is essential here. Even on sunny days the showers come & go.

(9) Thanks for offering to bring (or send) from USA The only thing I'd trouble you for is printed gummed address labels as follows:

CHEMIN DE BALLALLAZ, 14

BLOC A, Appt. 11

CH. 1820 MONTREUX

SWITZERLAND

Telephone (021) 621646³⁷⁵

³⁷⁴ Written above line and inserted here

³⁷⁵ Written to the right of Switzerland, circled, and inserted underneath by an arrow

If 5 lines allowed then phone would go on separate line

(10) Kieffer Frantz, wife, 2 children arrive here for a few days holiday. For {illegible} sake I have to see them. I know he'd appreciate it.

(11) Another request! The postponement of garage store after I had packed many things for transfer and rearrangement led to confusion as I had to make space for the job. The 2 beautiful potato peelers have got mixed in the wrong package and I haven't time to search until the final October rearrangement. So sorry but could you bring one more? Thanks

With Peace & Affection PB]

L42.477

477 - 478

Letter from Kenneth Hurst
Fort Lee, New Jersey
September 7, 1971

SAMUEL WEISER, INC.
Booksellers
734 Broadway
New York, New York 10003

New York³⁷⁶
Sep 7'71
N.Y.
U.S. POSTAGE
.42
P.B. METER
897800

[TELL DONALD TO FORWARD PB MAIL FROM READERS TO:

DR. PAUL BRUNTON
c/o NATIONAL GRINDLAYS L.T.D.
16 ST. JAMES'S SQUARE
LONDON, S.W.1. ENGLAND
~~Dr. Paul Brunton, Ph.D.]~~³⁷⁷

[No-it is # 13]³⁷⁸

~~DR. PAUL BRUNTON
14, CHEMIN DE BALLALLAZ,
APP. II. BLOC A.
CH 1820 MONTREUX,
SWITZERLAND.~~

[instead of sending to Hutchinson]

VIA AIR MAIL

[FONE 12 10 {illegible}]

³⁷⁶ Postage stamp

³⁷⁷ Enclosed by rectangle

³⁷⁸ In margin and pointing to 16 in address

L42.479

479 - 482

Letter from Kenneth Hurst
Fort Lee, New Jersey
September 14, 1971

[October 21, 1898 is PBs birthday.

Address Labels

9/14/71

(1) ordered 100
without telephone

2 boxes labels

rec'd

(2) maximum 4 lines
24 ch. to a line

1 Box mailed
to Dr Brunton

(3) Suggest
SUISSE Tel ~~(028)~~ 62 14 46

1 Box attached

?
Can reorder]

L42.483

483 - 484

Letter from Kenneth Hurst to Paul Brunton
Fort Lee, New Jersey
October 25, 1971

[Thank you for the enjoyable visit with you, dear P.B. ..

I carry happy memories of it. Your new apartment is charming; I prefer it to the Lugano one. It is cozier. And your bedroom layout affords more space for an ~~mi~~ added "mini-living room." The whole effect is very nice and livable. I was also very pleased to find you in such good health - a tribute to your regimen over the years!

(2) I was relieved to find things at home much better than I had expected. Len's health is the same but otherwise he is all right. If only he would help himself by taking a more active interest in things; it's a pity to see him just "waiting for the grave." He still reads though. I got them to agree to install central heating (at a £400 cost) and this will save them having to go out and shovel coal every morning. I think it's worth it for them, and will add to the value of the house. Mother was not nearly as bad as I feared; it's true she has slowed down considerably and her memory (shortrange) fails her, although she recalls details of her childhood. But otherwise she seems all right. She does not cook as she used to; in fact she will forget to prepare dinner, or part of it! But once she accepts this then otherwise she is normal. In fact, strangely, there is a certain sweet quality about it, akin to the "innocence of childhood." I had a long talk to Len about it. As you can see from enclosed letter, her mind wanders.

NOVEMBER 21, CURACAO

I'm continuing this letter at the start of my week vacation in Curacao. I became frightfully busy at the office, working every evening until 8 or 9 pm. I had to get next year's budgets prepared. I felt the strain. It's not natural to have to put in such long hours. So I'm very glad for this breather and have been looking forward to it. I'm at the same quiet Dutch hotel on the sea; they remembered me from last year! It's a relaxing place.

(3) The Emperor Manchu survived his journey intact and is installed in a place of honor. He seems to fit in well! I like his benevolent expression.

(4) I managed the rest of my journey successfully; even found a scarf I'd left in London! Your sweater came in very handy, and I like it. When Mother and I drove down to Southbend to visit the {Guivers,} Aunt Helga commented on the sweater's attractive colors.

(5) I'm writing in the Dutch-style large living room all to myself. Heavy dark furniture {illegible}. There are only a dozen guests here, most people start coming from late December. It's a little humid, about 85o, but I don't mind that at all. The people are very friendly and nice. I acknowledged briefly the enclosed letter from (6) Covell.

(7) You recall I mentioned I was considering buying a condominium? Events moved quickly after my return. They had already issued their announcement. ~~But~~ And the choicest locations had already gone. But good luck smiled on me; a prime one fell available again and I seized it. The apartments are 2 storeys, I'm the top floor on the corner, away from the road, with trees on both sides, and a lovely view across the Hudson river. It's closer to Nature, away from the city, plenty State-owned preserve land around. The price (with garage) is \$37,000, and I'm getting a bank mortgage for \$30, {illegible} (@ 7½%) over 30 years. I've worked out the finances carefully. More news as it develops! All my love, Kenneth

L42.485

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Letter to Kenneth from Jim Covell
October 30, 1971

Dear Kenneth ...

At least 10 months after Tony Damiani was invited to take a vacation at PB's lodgings, Tony himself has written us [for the first time] about his visit there with Ella Mae. The results are generally what we hoped they would be.

In his quaint, flowery, sometimes high-flown and sometimes cryptic style, he describes [one] part of his confrontation with PB as "the most painful of all: dismantling the mana projection, i.e. the guru archetype, a really delicate psychological operation that requires love and veneration."

With all due allowance for the rather complex wording of a rather simple injunction, it is a tremendous relief to learn he has gotten help in removing self-imposed and ultimately self-defeating demands upon his energies and resources to practice the quest in the way he feels essential.

There was no hint in the letter that the complexities he has gotten involved in might have caused PB embarrassment and given others a false impression of the

way PB has conceived as the best one to follow. What that way ought to be is [part of] the object of our search. I am indebted to Tony for his help in getting a better conception of what it is – or is not.

Besides being told to stop acting like a guru, he was prevailed upon to conserve his energy and withdraw from some of the teaching. So he has handed the hidden teaching class over to some professor and the astrology to another gentleman.

Further, they have abandoned the West State street address³⁷⁹ of the bookstore. Two features of the new location (which Tony did not volunteer the address of) are more elegant quarters and lower rent.

It is plain from serious [and careful] perusal of this letter that continuing his operations in any quarters is not consistent with what PB has in mind. Tony himself says he has struck a compromise between PB's suggestions, Tony's own ideas and the provisions of circumstances. Not having succeeded in inducing him to get out of the [guru] business [*{Stephen handles the commercial business in the bookstore which is not in question)] altogether, PB has nevertheless persuaded him to tone it down. This may keep him off a collision course with disaster or death. It may also help to keep Ella Mae from being run ragged. She was overworked, understaffed and underpaid.

The smaller quarters preclude large groups. Tony now places the emphasis on quality and selectivity – whatever that is.

Here is how I came to be the lucky recipient of this letter.

Bert Salmirs wrote me in August that Tony had resumed his activities with increasing vigor. Tony's letter does not seem to bear this out. But however – Thinking that this meant PB's objections might have been withdrawn, and gathering from Bert's reaction to my letters to him that I failed to appreciate Tony's admirable qualifications for the task, I decided to send him the modest sum of \$50 to pay for the expense of my stay for five days at his house in May 1970. After reading Charley Mirra's sad story, I did not wish to have Tony feel that I had run out on him (he so obviously wished me to locate in his vicinity) and ran up an unpaid hotel bill in his house.

Tony wrote that they underestimated the cost of moving the bookstore. But my contribution (which I designated not as a debt paid for living on him but as a token of my support in his 'great' work) along with that of other "old-timers" from the questers, as he put it, got them out of the red and into the black. He says the bookstore is now running at a profit.

This whole experience has been most enlightening. However, except for this report to you on the outcome of the interview between PB and Tony and Ella Mae, I am imposing a year of silence on the matter on myself. If, at the end of that time, there seems to be an occasion to write Tony or discuss the matter in a letter to Charley, I shall [re]consider the whole subject then. Meanwhile, I prefer to keep out of the entire affair and comment them all to the Overself.

May Its care and guidance be with you always,

³⁷⁹ For a short while in the 1970s the bookstore was merged with an art supply store which operated on The Commons in Ithaca; that business failed having overspent itself on remodelling; the bookstore was reborn as "New Alexandrian" in about 1979 and eventually reverted to ownership by Steven Damiani. – TJS, 2020

[With our affection,
Jim]

P.S. Please excuse the impersonal tenor of this letter. It reads more like a report, though I wished not to engage my own feelings where personal judgements could be easily introduced. Would you tell us something of your world travels? Can you add anything further from PB about this episode? Is Riley continuing to enjoy good health? We would be very glad to know how you are getting on.

L42.487

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Letter from Karen Tottrup to Kenneth Hurst
Essex, England
November 3, 1971

[Hello Kenny dear,

Sorry not to have written before, what with one thing and another, time runs on and its gone; it's a lovely day to-day. so I thought to go out for the afternoon & see Auntie Trixie and hope she is there. it must be very lonely for her - but we are plagued with little girls. OH. heavens!

Hope you are O.K, Trixie. I know you are very busy. I wrote to Mrs Luker, a long sweet letter, but she wants one back in a few days and I'm a bit tired, so I'd better get on with it or I shall never get it done.

Did you hear from Helga & Leslie, it was a very nice do at the wedding they went to. Ken was here at the time, so he & I went down to see the Guivers - had a nice quiet time down there. There was a Bomb thrown in the Post Office Tower, just off Tottenham Court Rd. where we use to wait for the Bus Home - we were lucky we were not on it.

Well dear, hope to see you soon. it does seem a long time since we saw you, and we miss you so much!

glad Riley is O.K. and all goes well.

All our Love to you. our little clock is going fine thank you very much. Hope to see you soon.

All our Love to you. Your loving Dad & {Mom} -
Dad is not at all well.]

L42.489

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Letter from Karen Tottrup to Mrs Luber
Essex, England
November 12, 1971

[Dear Mrs Luber,

I do hope you have got my letter and that you feel better, the weather here has been very dreary and rather cold - so we do hope that Riley & you are better now. We had a post-card from Christine & last week Trixie told me that she & John will be off for a little visit over here, it would be nice to see them again - the time

runs fast. Trixie is well, at least that's what she says – I hope it's true.

Well I can hardly see now, it gets dark early here, what a job at this time of the year.

I have just written to Kenny. I kept waiting for a letter but no, there is not any, expect he is busy, after his long trip around the world, then a post-card arrived, which is nice, but I did write. Still it can't be helped – also I phoned & that's nice to have a little chat.

Well, I must get on with my letters, I hope to see you soon again.

Well, it's getting quite dark now, so I'll make a cup of tea, hope to see you soon again –

Love to you all, from Karen Gill

Len is not at all well, do hope he will soon get better – now I'll get to the Pillow-box –

Hope to see you soon -]

L42.491

491 – 492

Letter from Karen Tottrup to Kenneth Hurst
Essex, England
December 30, 1971

[Hello Kenny dear,

Sorry you have had lots of hot weather. It's always one thing after another. yes it was nice of {illegible} to do the lawn its quite nice again. Yes I enjoy the itinerary, so you stopped at Honolulu, what a lot of places you have been to this time – and we will take the trip with you – we enjoy that.

We also saw a lot of Pakistan, that was a very sad place. we saw quite a lot of Banga-Dash,³⁸⁰ which was very dreadful. then it was on T.V. some nights. why do people kill each other off so much, its really dreadful.

We have had a lovely Xmas letter from Johanna. it was very nice, now we are just on Xmas. food is short, which makes it; very more difficult.

I had a day off down to Southend last Friday, very nice quite a long trip on the train, which I enjoyed.

Dad is not well at all and he is upstairs in Bed! I hope he will be a little better now – it was quite a nice trip down there & Helga & Leslie were pleased to see me.

Well off for now dear, hope to see you soon.

All my love to you. Just going to watch T.V. to-night. cheer's for now. Love to you dear.

{Mom} & Dad. See you soon.]

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Handwritten note by Kenneth Hurst

³⁸⁰ Spelled this way in original

Fort Lee, New Jersey

[Bernadette Green

(Monworth College, N. J.)

(who earlier wrote PB after reading 'HTBY' & PB gave letter KH + KH wrote in May)

telephoned KH evening August 19

1) wanted school of yoga

- I explained the various types yog

- said I would write her end Oct. with {illegible}. (Erna's NYC Swami? Others?

Ashram

2) will take Philosophy at College (But all Western)

- any nearby N.J. College with Oriental philosophy

3) I explained all different roads leading same goal - follow one's bent - quoted Emerson drummer

- advised yoga no substituted for {illegible} Ramakrishna - chela - bucket with hole.

- Theresa of Avila (a Catholic background)

4) Sounded immature but sincere (has one friend also interested). Doesn't know much

5) Good conversation - helpful

6) I forgot ask how read 'HTBY' + what get from it.]