

## Kenneth Hurst Letters 1971-1983

*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 1972 to 1983.*

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

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

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

**L43.001**

1 - 2

Envelope to Mr K. Hunt  
{14 Jan}<sup>1</sup> 1972

Mr K. Hunt  
Half Moon {Apartments}  
Hudson Terrace  
Fort Lee  
N.J. 07024  
USA

[RECIEVED MARCH 7, 1972]<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Postmarked date is partially covered by a stamp.

L43.003

3 - 6

Handwritten letter from Jim Stewart to Mr Hurst<sup>3</sup>  
Drs Baker, Stewart And Williams  
939 Green Lanes,  
Winchmore Hill,  
N. 21<sup>4</sup>  
14/1/22

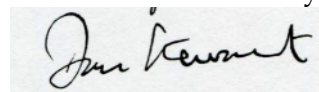
Dear Mr Hurst,

I thought I shall write you about your mother and her husband. Mother is very confused and forgetful and quite unable to look after herself. This appears to be due to senile arteriosclerosis plus alcoholism. Her husband is in the terminal stages of chronic bronchitis and {illegible} and latest Xray shows what is about certainly a cancer of the lung as well. I do not expect him to live more than a few months.

At present he is able to look after the financial affairs which mother cannot cope with. She cannot even pay<sup>5</sup> the milkman and understand the change. She also gets lost if she goes out shopping {illegible} rely on neighbours. When her husband dies she will be quite unable to look after herself.

I feel you should try to come here to see the situation and to plan for the future for your mother.

Yours sincerely,



L43.007

7 - 10

Letter from PB to Kenneth  
Chemin De Ballallaz, 14  
Bloc A, Appt. 11  
Ch. 1820 Montreux  
Switzerland  
26 Jan 72

This acknowledges receipt of your letters Oct 25, Nov 26, Jan 8,<sup>6</sup> dear Kenneth...

...Needless to say I immediately held Len and Mother up to the White Light, the

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<sup>2</sup> KTH inserted "RECIEVED MARCH 7, 1972" by hand.

<sup>3</sup> KTH inserted "Received March 7, 1972 (No POSTAGE)" by hand at the top of page.

<sup>4</sup> Address appears in the letterhead.

<sup>5</sup> Page 5

<sup>6</sup> Under the dates "Oct 25, Nov 26, Jan 8" are handwritten the words "HOME", "CURACAO" and "LEN" respectively.

best prayer<sup>7</sup> I know. Your proposal seems to be the best possible one in the circumstances at present until you arrive there next March; perhaps Mother's neighbours might suggest a suitable helper if Leslie has difficulty, or someone among her friends who lives nearer? Anyone who knew them, or is sympathetic, is preferable, if possible. Do you know if Len's growths cause pain or not?<sup>8</sup>

This deterioration was indicated by their condition during the past couple of years, but the worsening is somewhat sudden, as your October letter held no warning. I think, in Len's case, his apathy was due to getting the subconscious message of approaching the end, so that most effort seemed futile. How important is good health and what a struggle to maintain it! For body and mind work together.

It is fortunate that you had the Curacao rest and relaxation to enable you to endure this blow better.

Your move into a condominium is a surprise. Your description of it sounds attractive. There are two questions: If you wanted to, is it readily saleable? You once said that after retirement you'd like to settle in Europe, something like South France, or French-Swiss border, [Yes] if I remember, or do you think this purchase commits you to America? [No] Buying an apartment seems to be the best way to get into a suitable building, I am myself beginning to think, as although I am better off in this Ch de Ballalaz, there are drawbacks and I intend to move when my lease expires in 1 ½ years, perhaps to Vevey, Clarens or even Lausanne. But the rented buildings draw a clientele here with which I have little affinity.<sup>9</sup>

I don't understand why you suffered at Curacao from guilt complexes concerning Mother and myself. They are entirely unnecessary now. I hope you will feel able to raise the subject when we meet and get it cleared out of your mind. As for the Buddhistic pessimism and the transitoriness of life, we have been through all that in the past and there is nothing to be done about it except to make the best of it by making the best of ourselves.<sup>10</sup>

Thanks<sup>11</sup> for the photos of your monastery, of PB and of your foster daughter. She seems a 'nice' girl. Also the Christmas card: these photo greeting cards are an excellent form of keeping in touch<sup>12</sup>

I asked Jacques the question, when he passed through here, what present he gave his wife for birthday. To my surprise he did not say ruby or diamond, but Jade, as this now has highest value. He is still much in love with her!

Concerning the address label the one attached is OK except for one minor point. "Ch" stands for Confederation Helvetique. Consequently it is always written "CH" capital H. Anyway you may seaimail the other box which you {have} hold. Concerning your suggested label giving phone should be worded as follows=

Chemin de Ballallza, 14

Bloc A. Appt. 11

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<sup>7</sup> Underlined by hand.

<sup>8</sup> There is a handwritten checkmark and a question mark in the left margin of this paragraph.

<sup>9</sup> "To Do" is noted by hand in the left margin of the above paragraph.

<sup>10</sup> "N/V March" and a check mark handwritten in the left margin of this paragraph.

<sup>11</sup> Page 9

<sup>12</sup> The letters "PHI" added and circled below paragraph and a checkmark noted in the left margin of this paragraph.

CH 1820 Montreux

Switzerland

Telephone: 62-16-46

(not 2 colors of course: not Telefon: not 62-14-46 as you have written)<sup>13</sup>

The frame of my reading-writing spectacles broke and could not be repaired. My optician tried several towns but this style is not stocked in Switz. I was forced to send it to the shop which made them for me in 1966. They have sent a bill for \$16 ½ I have no checking account in US or Switz bank and money orders take two weeks minimum. Could you please send your check, with the bill, to New York and ask them to send at once? Thanks. Confirm that they send airmail<sup>14</sup>

[Yes please come and visit me after London. The pension Wilhelm is closed for winter but probably reopens mid or end March, when I'll go and reserve a room for you arriving 10 April leaving 17 April

Try to keep inwardly calm when thinking of the troubled situation in England with Len and Mother.

With Peace & Affection]



### L43.011

11 - 12

Telegram from Kenneth to Brunton

2/1/72

To: Brunton

14 Chemin De Ballallaz

Bloc A Appartement 11

Ch 1820

Montreux, Switzerland

Grateful your letter stop spectacle frames ordered stop Len died yesterday stop mother staying with Guivers stop am flying London tomorrow will report situation from there.

Kenneth

M. Napier

10:45 A.M.

### L43.013

13 - 16

Handwritten letter from Winifred Bierton to Helga & Leslie

71 Egham {Cres}

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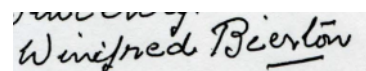
<sup>13</sup> The original editor inserted "To Do" by hand in left margin with a bracket around this paragraph.

<sup>14</sup> The original editor inserted "Done 2/1/72" by hand in the left margin with a bracket around this paragraph.

13/2/72

Dear Helga & Leslie

Firstly I want to thank you for letting me know the sad news about Len, but I also would be pleased if you would write me to let me know how Karen is faring. I was very sorry to hear she was so mentally ill and hope by now she has taken a turn for the better. It is a great shock when it happens to one, and I sometimes think that instead of time healing it often makes you feel it more. As I expect you know Ken phoned me as he wasn't sure whether I had heard the news. Although Len didn't write or visit much. I can't help having that feeling that I am the only one left of the family. I hope you are both keeping well. I am yours sincerely,



Derry<sup>15</sup> came to see me this morning and he said if Ken was still in England he would like him to Phone him.

**L43.017**

17 - 18

Letter from M Chessex to Mr Brunton  
Etude Des Notaires  
Marc Chessex-Pascal Pittet,  
1820 Montreux<sup>16</sup>  
24th February, 1972

Mr Paul Brunton  
Chemin de Ballallaz 14  
Montreux

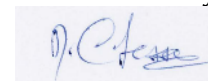
Dear Mr Brunton,

I am sending you herewith a draft of your will as well as your previous will.

Could you, please, write it entirely with your own hand on the included stamped-paper. You must sign after the date.

I have foreseen a sentence explaining that if your son dies before you, your assets will be given to his children. If you do not agree with that, you only cancel it.

Yours faithfully



encl.

**L43.019**

19 - 20

French language will

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<sup>15</sup> Page 15

<sup>16</sup> Address appears in the letterhead.

28.2.1972<sup>17</sup>

## TESTAMENT

Je soussigne, Paul BRUNTON, de nationalite britannique, domicile a Montreux, chemin de Ballallaz 14, en pleine possession de mes facultes, redige comme suit mon testament.

I

J'annule expressement toutes dispositions de dernieres volentes, anterieures au present testament.

II

Je declare soumettre ma succession a la loi britannique, celle de mon lieu d'origine.

III

Je declare avoir pris definitivement domicile a Montreux et renounce a tout autre domicile a l'etranger.

IV

J'institute seul heritier de tous les biens que je laisserai a mon deces, de quelque nature qu'ils soient et ou qu'ils se trouvent, mon fils Kenneth Thurston Hurst, domicile a Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey USA. Je le designe egalement en qualite d'executeur testamentaire.<sup>18</sup>

Telles sont mes dernieres volentes.

Ecrit et date entierement de ma main a Montreux le 28 fevrier 1972.

(signature)

## L43.021

21 - 22

Handwritten incomplete letter to Kenny  
Feb. 25th

Dear Kenny,

Thank you for your letter & glad to hear you arrived safely. I phoned Mrs Guiver last Sunday & she said your Mother seemed about the same. Of course being looked after will make a lot of difference to her health, but I am afraid the mental side will not alter.

Today the first time we have seen the sun & believe me it does show up all the dirt and dust. I set too & cleaned the windows, (illegible) thing to wash the curtains. Haven't been able to do too much washing as we have had nothing but rain for the last fortnight.

Reg is back at work, but on short time owing to the power cuts. We have two days a week with the electric cut off 6-9 in the morning then 12 to 3 & in the evening 6 to 9 again, that happens Wednesday & Saturdays.

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<sup>17</sup> "PROJET" is stamped next to date.

<sup>18</sup> The original editor crossed out "En cas de predeces de mon fils, je lui substitue ses enfants par parts egales." by hand.

Reg & I realize your appreciation of our help to you, but don't forget you have been kindness in itself to us, which of course we shall always remember.

We received the log book etc: from the {illegible}<sup>19</sup> on Wednesday, so that has been sent {off} {illegible} of the car to us. At the...<sup>20</sup>

### L43.023

23 - 24

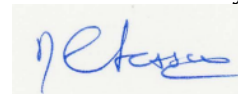
Letter from M Chessex to Mr Brunton  
Etude Marc Chessex Notaire  
1820 Montreux  
Avenue Du Casino II<sup>21</sup>  
29th February, 1972

Mr Paul Brunton  
Chemin de Ballallaz 14  
Bloc A, Appt. 11  
1820 Montreux

Dear Mr Brunton,

I acknowledge receipt of your will which is correct. I deposited it in my safe and send you herewith a receipt with my bill.

Yours faithfully



encl.

### L43.025

25 - 26

Invoice from M Chessex<sup>22</sup>  
Etude Des Notaires  
Marc Chessex-Pascal Pittet  
1820 Montreux<sup>23</sup>  
29 fevrier 1972

Monsier Paul Brunton  
Chemin de Ballallaz 14  
Montreux

### HONORAIRES et DEBOURSES

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<sup>19</sup> This letter is a copy of the original and the bottom left corner was folded over covering this word.

<sup>20</sup> Subsequent lines are missing because the page is ripped.

<sup>21</sup> Address appears in the letterhead.

<sup>22</sup> Noted with a circled letter "C" added at the top of the page.

<sup>23</sup> Address appears in the letterhead.

Fr. 120.- Fr. 1.--

Conference Etablissement projet testament  
Correspondance  
Depot testament

TOTAL Fr. 121.-  
Acquitte, le [3 Mar 72]<sup>24</sup>

## L43.027

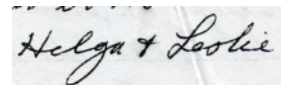
27 - 28

Handwritten letter from Helga and Leslie to Ken  
15 Scratton Road  
Southend On Sea  
Essex SSI IEN  
Feb 29th 1972

Dear Ken

Pleased to have your letter of Feb. 21st glad you had a good flight back. but sorry you took a cold back with you I had the same & had the doctor he gave my 5 day course of pills & cough syrup left me a bit doggish in the legs but now OK. {illegible} bought Karen a very colourful blouse red she liked it very much and her checked skirt matched very well. We go every week & Miss {illegible} called on her We are hoping to take her out to tea one day it will make a change. she got out last Monday week and came here she was so cold just had slippers hat & jumper on. I gave her a brandy and phoned the nursing home They were worried and I took her back in a taxi, there are lots more people there. We were there yesterday she is about the same. she showed us your letter. and looks forward to seeing you soon<sup>25</sup> its always tomorrow. Mr & Mrs Buteux sent her some lovely flowers for her Birthday & She carries the cards about in her hand bag. I draw her pension but the widows pensions not come {illegible} thing say it takes some weeks. We have been having better weather and I cut the lawn yesterday. looks more like spring. We are looking forward to seeing you on the 25th. do hope you will keep well

Love from us both



## L43.029

29 - 30

Handwritten letter from Kenneth to PB

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<sup>24</sup> Dated added by hand.

<sup>25</sup> Page 28

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March 5, {1972}

{illegible}, dear PB –

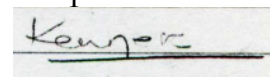
you received my February 13 letter giving all the news about Len and Mother? A letter this weekend from the Guivers states she is about the same. They visit her regularly in the nursing home. She got out once and found her way to Len's home – a good 20 mins. walk. It's a good job they live nearby. I'm looking forward to observing her condition myself soon; although I find it very saddening. Anyway, we'll be able to discuss it together which will be after I've seen her again. I don't feel too badly about Len now as he is relieved from the body pain.

(2) I hope you received the Purdy spectacles frame?

(3) I'll bring the other original box of labels with me; also I've ordered the telephone number labels and hope they arrive before my departure Saturday.

(4) I enclose my final itinerary. In Rome I'll stay at the Cavalier Hilton Hotel, VIA CADOLO, MONTE MARIO (as a business-paid stay) – I remember viewing it from your hospital window! So you could reach me there if needed, or write India if I can get anything there for you. (I recall you said you have enough incense?)

(5) All else can await our personal meeting, to which I look forward very much. I trust you tried out your fur hat this winter! I'll telephone you upon arrival at Montreux railway station – or from Geneva<sup>26</sup> if time permits. Love,



L43.031

31 - 34

Handwritten letter from PB to Kenneth  
Chemin De Ballallaz, 14  
Bloc A, Appt. 11  
Ch. 1820 Montreux  
Switzerland<sup>27</sup>  
9 March 72

Dr Paul Brunton<sup>28</sup>  
C/o National & Grindlays Ltd.,  
13 St. James's Square,  
London, S.W.I.

Your cable & letter 7 Feb, dear Kenneth ---

You have done what you could for Mother, and the most sensible course taken. I quite agree with it; then when you return and observed how she has got on at the nursing home, and her then condition, and talked to the matron and doctor, the situation can be reviewed and a decision made.

But I don't like what you said about her eyes, and about your feeling of her not

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<sup>26</sup> "Geneve" in the original.

<sup>27</sup> PB inserted "as from:" next to the address which looks to be printed on a sticker.

<sup>28</sup> Address appears in letterhead.

being what she is supposed to. I don't like the suggestion of a mental institution either. Yet if the door of her room is kept locked and the window too, she is surely better off at the home for the present.

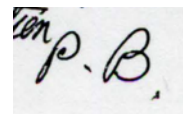
I wanted to write her last month but on second thought decided to consult you after you had seen her this coming visit so that you could suggest what ought not be mentioned or whether I should phone her.

I do wish Mother has telegraphed me about Len's wish to see me. I could then have spoken to him on the telephone. But then she probably did not expect him to pass away so suddenly.

The good point about Len's passing is that it was peacefully, like Dan's, in sleep. This is important.

I shall reserve for you @ Pension Wilhelm (when it opens) as arranged for 10 April and shall welcome you then. Meanwhile, be brave, keep calm, but regard the need of inner support especially.

With Peace & Affection



P.S. I have made a new will, according to the laws of Vaud. It is deposited in the safe of Montreux's leading lawyer, Marc Chessex, Avenue du {illegible} 11. I have also become member of Societe' Vaudaise de Cremation and paid all funeral expenses. We shall talk about these when you come but I feel very fit and expect<sup>29</sup> years more of life!

**L43.035**

35 - 38

Handwritten letter from K.T. Hurst to Dr Stewart  
March 9, 1972

Dear Dr Stewart,

Your letter of January 14 has only just reached me, as it was sent with no postage on the envelope. However I do greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing me about the situation with my family. I had seen them the previous October, and they were in fairly normal condition.

When I received the news of my step-father being admitted to hospital, I flew over but arrived two days after his death. I took care of the funeral arrangement and the estate, and entered my mother into the {illegible} Nursing Home, Southend-on-Sea. I did telephone your office, and discussed the situation with your secretary - and also with your social worker who came round to the house.

One thing puzzles me: you refer to my mother's condition being caused by senile arteriosclerosis plus alcoholism. This latter surprised me as I was unaware of any excess in this direction.

If<sup>30</sup> you should wish to elaborate on this area, I'll be back in England, March 26-

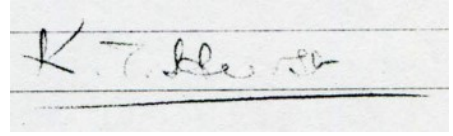
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<sup>29</sup> Page 33

<sup>30</sup> Page 37

April 9, and could be reached daytimes at our office there (0442-58531).

Thank you again for writing. Sincerely,



Re: Mr L. T. GILL  
15 Summerhill Grove  
Bush Hill Park  
Enfield

### L43.039

39 - 40

Handwritten notes by Kenneth<sup>31</sup>

3/20/72<sup>32</sup>

MOR

(1) Mor greeted me "Oh, K, I'm desperate!" (Later - 'why' - 'well, let me think.

(1) Because I'm lonely & (2) I can't take care of myself)

(2) 'If you were with me, I'd be alright' 'I can't, job in America.' 'Oh yes, don't lose that job, with you, economy etc.'

(3) Seemed somewhat better - but keeps running away.

Helga - "Len was saying yesterday - Oh, what am I saying - I think I'm going mad!"

Leslie - WWII eve, prayed hard against war, suddenly saw himself out of body, looking down on his body

- birdbath, & shelter so birds can feed in winter when snowing.

4/8-9/72

(1) Mother knows she's in nursing home, knows condition doesn't mention Home. America, I can't take care of you

Weeps easily, tears to eyes

{illegible} to mouth]

### L43.041

41 - 44

Handwritten incomplete letter from Kenny to Mother

Undated

...<sup>33</sup> It seems we've said goodbye a lot to each other. Those years in the Navy, with hurried leaves - always goodbye. But that is our destiny. Therein lie lessons for

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<sup>31</sup> Author determined from handwriting.

<sup>32</sup> Halfway through the page there is another date: "4/8-9/72".

<sup>33</sup> Previous lines are missing; this page noted as "2" by the author.

us both.

You have borne it well, Mother dear. With a smile on your face, you have been very brave through all these goodbyes – far more than most mothers have to endure. And your bravery will bring its own reward. For accepting the situation philosophically, you will gain in another (and more permanent) way – for the situation was not without meaning.

I can recall as a boy how much you sacrificed for me. And, following the pattern of youth, how ungrateful I was. But the years have brought appreciation for ~~of~~ all you have done for me. Although I doubt whether I've been able to show it, even on my last trip home.

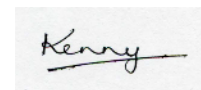
That's<sup>34</sup> why I want you to know now – that I do appreciate all the love and kindness you've given me, all the many things you've gone out of your way to do for me. Mother love is truly a beautiful thing, but I have been exceptionally fortunate to have such a wonderful mother.

We're not separated really. My love thoughts come to you, and it is as if we are together. The mental plane is the true one, and feelings and thoughts carry the substance of reality.

God bless you, Mother dear.

I love you always,

Your son,



## L43.045

45 - 48

Handwritten letter from PB to Kenneth

10 March

I wrote you at length<sup>35</sup> on 8 March, dear Kenneth --

to Fort Lee Your letter 5 March just in. So suppose it ~~will~~ maybe forward to you in Delhi, or not. Unfortunately I took no copy. But you acted very sensibly over arrangements for Mother until your next visit to her & if possible avoid mental institution. We'll discuss on our meeting after that (2) I received specs thanks (3) Shall await your phone call 10 April from Geneva if time permits a {illegible} station. The Hotel<sup>36</sup> arrangement not made as not yet reopened. So I'd like if you allow me to make the reservation for Hotel Europe, Avenue des Alpes 15 (Telephone 61-46-22) which is much more comfortable and will cost only a little more (I have established credit there and can get special treatment)<sup>37</sup> for bathless room<sup>38</sup> and is only 1 ½ mins farther than

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<sup>35</sup> PB inserted "at length" by hand.

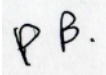
<sup>36</sup> Page 47

<sup>37</sup> PB inserted "I have established credit there and can get special treatment" by hand. We have added parentheses for readability.

<sup>38</sup> "(and 35 if with bath" is crossed out after "room" by hand.

Pens Wilhelm. So my reservation is to be made tomorrow at the Europe -----There is nothing no soap or incense needed from India thanks.

With Peace & Affection



Sorry in haste for post<sup>39</sup>

### L43.049

49 - 50

Handwritten incomplete letter from {PB}<sup>40</sup> to Kenneth  
Chemin De Ballallaz, 14  
Bloc A, Appt. 11  
Ch. 1820 Montreux  
Switzerland  
28 March 72

Your card from Rome, dear Kenneth ---

If the long letter sent to Fort Lee 3 days before your exit has not reached you, the essential point is that I consider your actions so far (concerning Mother) are the most suitable, until review of the situation on your current visit to London. The private home where she is seems a happier idea than an institution for public mental cases. If you are forced to make the final decision while you are now there, and if it is different in any important way from the existing tentative one, perhaps you ought to phone me. It is a sad affair.

While you are in London, could you find out what was Len's mental condition during his last hours, if known, and what was his facial expression just after passing out? Did it seem a peaceful going?

Your reservation at "Hotel Europe" has been corrected to read - arrive April 10, exit April 16.

These books have been received "Perspectives de France" "Thoughts" by Reik "And Gladly {illegible}" - Charles Chaplin - Executive's Data Diary for 72 & Spanish Agenda Book for 72 sent from Barcelona with beautiful paintings. Thanks.

If I know later the train you can take for Montreux I shall be pleased to meet it. Should you not see me, look for a foreign agent wearing an {illegible} hat, concealed camera, microphone and pistol-holster,

### L43.051

51 - 52

Handwritten notes by Kenneth  
Undated note

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<sup>39</sup> "Sorry in haste for post" is written in left margin on page 45.

<sup>40</sup> Author determined from handwriting.

PB – March 28 letter

(1) Len – OK on Sat

SUN morn – Neighbors went in & he in bed, could not talk properly, mumbled, in pain – called Dr – taken to Hospital. (Semi-coma)

(2) Neighbors surmise hospital gave him sedatives. He died early hours next morning. Don't know facial expression.

(3) But Coroner had told me he died peacefully in his sleep

WHY necessary pain & suffering – KARMA??

How work?

March 9 letter

(1) Mor – eyes

- ALSO – expressions of HOSTILITY – “I'll give her a base” Cutting Helga's plans etc.

(2) Keep room door locked in?? Not very nice

(3) Yes, write Mor

(4) Could not telegraph PB, not capable even of writing

(5) {illegible} Karma?

PB – NEW WILL ?

SHOW ENTIRE SHOUTHEND FILE

## L43.053

53 - 54

Letter from M Chessex to Mr Brunton

Etude Des Notaires

Marc Chessex-Pascal Pittet

1820 Montreux<sup>41</sup>

29 mars 1973

Mr Paul Brunton

Chemin de Ballallaz 14

Appt 11

Montreux

Dear Mr Brunton,

I acknowledge receipt of your will with the codicil and I depose it in my safe.

I give you herewith a receipt and send you my bill.

Thanking you in advance, I remain Yours faithfully

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<sup>41</sup> Address appears in the letterhead. A sticker below it reads: “Nouvelle adresse

Rue du Theatre 3

1820 Montreux

(a 100 m. des anciens bureaux)”



**L43.055**

55 - 56

Bill from M Chessex to Paul Brunton

Marc Chessex

Notaire

1820 Montreux<sup>42</sup>

29 mars 1973

Monsieur Paul Brunton  
Chemin de Ballallaz 14  
Montreux

HONORAIRES et DEBOURSES

Fr. 40.- Fr. -.60

Mars 1973

Telephone

Correspondance

Projet codicille

Depot testament dans safe en l'Etude

TOTAL Fr. 40.60

Acquitte, le [2 Avril 1973]<sup>43</sup>

**L43.057**

57 - 58

Handwritten notes by {Kenneth}<sup>44</sup>

April 1, 1972

(1) DR {illegible} M. BUCKLEY (42014)

- nothing wrong physically - except hardening of arteries (can't cure this)

- But mental condition - forgetfulness, absent-mindedness

- They gave her strong sedatives starting 3/30 to prevent her getting out - He said will be necessary permanently!

But Matron said only for week or so, then taper off to one at bedtime.

Matron apprehensive to take responsibility for Mor getting out, being run over.

Mor got out 4 hours Wed 3/29 - found @ Vic. Stu. no money - "wood green"

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<sup>42</sup> Address appears in the letterhead.

<sup>43</sup> Date added by hand.

<sup>44</sup> Author determined from handwriting.

Leslie had found Stu – went & got her.

(2) Mrs Gobel, 40 Satanita Rd, Westcliff on Sea, Essex (Southend 46784)

-{illegible} type, she & husband run, only 6 people, cheerful, less “institution” – clean, nice lounge, garden – no back door, bedroom next to theirs, keep eye on Len

£15 {illegible} £22 – all wi. meals, laundry

(4) 4-8/72 – Mrs G confrontation

will pay £22 wk – “incontinent care” - had phoned other homes, wouldn’t take her, {illegible} said were going to let her go. Mental homes, Rockford, Romford – differing types houses No trying to get out

## L43.059

59 - 60

Handwritten letter from Ms Marjorie Goble to Mr Hurst

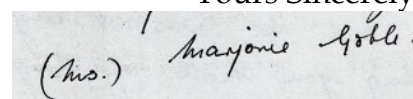
Shang-Gri-La,  
40 Satanita Road,  
Westcliff-On-Sea,  
Essex<sup>45</sup>

14/4/72

Dear Mrs Hurst,

Just a few lines to inform you of latest news. As you know I made arrangements for the doctor to visit your mother. He did not arrive so 2 P.M. Monday I rung him. I was disgusted at his reply which was “There is nothing I can do for Mrs Hurst and a specialist from Runwell Mental Hospital was seeing her on Tuesday. Anyhow he came and he was not very happy about taking your mother off drugs. Other treatment he prescribed I would not do. Anyhow the lady came from the hospital and she really was so nice and kind. Was in full agreement of my treatment given<sup>46</sup> to your mother and says there is no question of her being admitted now. She tells me your mother was having 200 m.g. of drugs per day and was pleased with your mother now. Since then I have changed doctors<sup>47</sup> and I feel you will agree to this for her sake. Anyhow she is doing fine with only the occasional accident and is quite happy and content. Enclosed is little note from her. Will write in about a month, hoping to have photo. All best wishes.

Yours Sincerely.



(Ms.) Marjorie Goble.

## L43.061

61 - 64

Handwritten letter from Helga and Leslie to Ken

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<sup>45</sup> Address appears in the letterhead.

<sup>46</sup> Page 60

<sup>47</sup> KTH inserted “get name of new doctor N/V OK and phone him” by hand.

L. W. Guiver  
15 Scratton Rd  
Southend on Sea, Essex,  
SSI IEN  
May {10} 1972

My Dear Ken

I am writing with the nice pen you gave me. only wish I was a better writer at last we are having some nice weather We have had Karen here on Sundays all day Miss {illegible} took Helga by car last Sunday to fetch her & came along the front and I gave them a drink of whisky {illegible} which was very much appreciated Miss {illegible} has been at home the last two weekends, as Joe is in Spain. Thank you for your {illegible} from Montreux. looks very nice expect you enjoyed your stay there & clean fresh air pleased to have Pauls blessings.

Mrs {illegible} pleased the way your mothers settled in, and now cleaner in the W.C. she goes once a week to have her hair done & looks very nice.

I had a letter from the Bank, the solicitors {illegible} for the Bank, have queried the ownership of the boundaries of 15 Summerhill. So I phoned Buteux and they said both boundary fences belonged to 15 so I wrote them giving details, & thought this was the case Len had new fences<sup>48</sup> put up both sides done by Rick & well done had your letter of 25th yes expect you have lots to do after being away so long. also to have your own bed do hope you will soon get settled in your new flat. I seem to be having one of those days when there's lots to do have put in runner beans this morning so hope there will be some when you come in October, planted {illegible} plants did Miss {illegible} hair & now I waiting for another {illegible}. We are off on the 14th to Wales staying at the Royal Nictonic Hotel for 6 nights and doing day tours from there. from the front you look out to {illegible} and lakes.

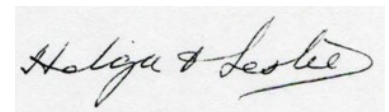
This is a lonely May day only hope we have this weather when we are away

Thank you for {illegible} phone numbers.

by the way Mrs Gobles changed the Doctor so the change all round might be for the best all the furniture of 15 now been taken away and quite empty. This sounds sad. but it comes to us all so enjoy live and help to make the lives of others a happy one.

hope you will keep well

With Love



**L43.065**

65 - 66

Handwritten letter from Dad and Mother to Kenny<sup>49</sup>

Shang-Gri-La  
40 Satanita Road,

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<sup>48</sup> Page 63

<sup>49</sup> KTH inserted "Last letter form Mor - May 1972" by hand at top of page.

Westcliff-On-Sea,  
Essex<sup>50</sup>

Dear Mrs

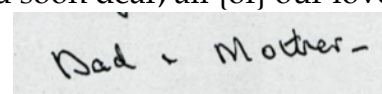
Dear Kenny,

{illegible} I was glad when I got a letter from you, seems such a long time already.

Well I had a nice letter from in {illegible}, afraid my hand is not very easy to do. I will be glad when you're again well dear.

Perhaps you'll write a letter to me & was told how has pretty my hair was, so that was nice, so that was nice.

It was nice when we were out yesterday, today we are always your loving Mother & Dad, also all else, never mind. See you soon dear, all {of} our love



**L43.067**

67 - 70

Handwritten postcard from Kenny to Mother

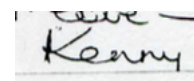
7 MAY {1975}<sup>51</sup>

Mrs K. A. Gill  
40 Satanita Road  
Westcliff-On-Sea  
Essex  
England

Dearest Mother,

Have had much rainy weather since my return, but it should be good for the Spring flowers! Have settled down again at the office and all is well there.

Hope all is fine with you and that the weather is good. It was great seeing you and I think of you often. Riley joins me in sending all our love -



**L43.071**

71 -72

Handwritten letter from Ms Goble to Ken

Shangria la  
40 Satanita Road  
Westcliff-on-Sea  
Essex. England

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<sup>50</sup> Address appears in the letterhead.

<sup>51</sup> Date is partially obscured by a stamp.

21/5/72

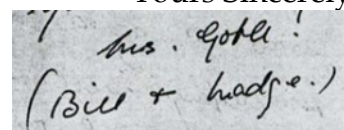
Mr Kenneth Thurston Hurst  
Prentice/Hall International  
Englewood Cliffs  
New Jersey  
07632 USA

Dear Ken,

Just a few lines letting you know how your mother is getting on. You will be surprised how she is getting along, looking 100% fit and {illegible}. We had a very bad day last Thursday. Put her in the little room and she took off her top clothes and was in the back garden half nude. She had a nasty fall in the afternoon and grabbed the down pipe of the cistern taking the lot with her. I thought she had broken her left arm at first but is badly bruised. I attended to her and she spent the rest of the day and Friday in bed but is fine again. Arm is bruised but all right. The place was flooded as you can imagine but Bill cut the water off and managed to do repairs without a plumbers bill. Anyhow I am still feeling pleased with her progress. Her mind is gone and she is just like a baby but is happy & content which is everything. A friend of your Aunts came to visit Wed. and was amazed at how well she looks. Eating and sleeping well. I see to her 10:30-11, and sleeps through till I see to her at 7:30 A.M. Have now got her toilet trained.

She<sup>52</sup> is going to hairdressers Thursday and then I will take a snap of her and send it with next month's letter. Will close now hoping your mind is more at rest - concerning her. So till next month all the best.

Yours Sincerely



**L43.073**

73 - 76

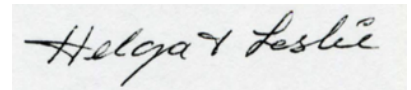
Handwritten letter from Helga and Leslie to Ken  
L.W. Guiver  
15 Scratton Rd  
Southend on Sea  
Essex SSI IEN  
Sunday 4/{6}/72

Dear Ken,

Well here we are with our holiday behind us, we were blessed with wonderful weather every day but since we have been back we have had rain gales & gray skies. Today we have heat on. We phoned Trixie this morning she had a very nice holiday but a bad stunt - there was in rail strike on so had to go by coach to the sea port and that

meant they lost the boat. so had to cross over by night. but hotel was good & food, our day activity we crossed the Menai Bridge into Anglesey. then we did the Mountain Railway from portmadoc on the {illegible} Railway the oldest-narrow {illegible} railway in the world runs through rocks & Rhododendrons Helga, self & two friends were put in a first class coach for 4, carpeted with the prince of Wales feathers and four plush arm chairs very comfortable. another day we did {illegible} Lake railway. We enjoyed our holiday in a very lush country We have your mother out on Sundays. but we were advised to leave her there today owing to her legs were swelling and she had pills to reduce the water. We went to see her yesterday I am afraid there is no change. Mrs Gobles wanted summer dresses<sup>53</sup> for her so Helga bought 3 very nice ones easy to wash and ready when we get summer days and she can sit out in the garden We have lots of roses out. a changed outlook since you were here. expect you will soon be making your change of address and will have lots to do hope you will find some helping hands John's got a good job on the local paper to do with the lay out of adverts, so he is out a lot and use of car so glad for them Well Ken look after yourself we shall be looking forward to seeing you a gain

With love from us both



**L43.077**

77 - 78

Handwritten letter from E. Buteux to Kenny  
Bush Hill Park  
Enfield  
Middx  
June 7th 1972

Mr K. T. Hurst  
The Half Moon  
2400 Hudson Terrace  
Fort Lee  
NJ  
07024  
USA

Dear Kenny/

Thank you for your letter & glad to hear of your safe return, also the welcome from your pussy.

I haven't managed to get down to see your Mother yet. Reg been working these last few weekends, even over the Whitsum holiday. I will wait till the weather improves & take a coach down during the week, I can get one from Enfield.

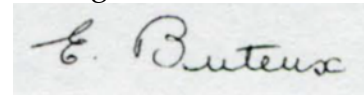
We have had some dreadful weather, very high cold winds with plenty of rain, not June weather at all. Hope Mr & Mrs Guiver found some sunshine during their

holiday in Wales. I have been trying to catch up on the garden but found it much too wet, did manage to get the runner beans in.

The new neighbours not in yet, they tell me the side of the house has to be done & the scullery rebuilt as the foundations have sunk. Can't say that we noticed it. Trying to get all my work done in advance so as to spend a lazy fortnight watching Wimbledon tennis my favourite sport.

I hope you are keeping well & not doing too much work.

With kind regard & Best Wishes.



L43.079

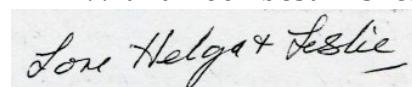
79 - 82

Handwritten letter from Helga and Leslie to Ken  
15 Scratton Road  
Southend on Sea  
Essex SSI IEN  
27/6/72

My Dear Ken.

We hope you are keeping well. We have had only one letter from you since you have been back. still we are sure you have lots to do getting ready for moving it's amazing what one collects, its gives one a chance to have a clear out. Your mother was here Sunday and enjoys her food but she gets very tired it seems so strange she never mentions B.H.P. or the house. lately she never mention you. she's getting that she wants to stay in bed. So as long as she happy it does not matter We thought Mrs Gobles was getting a little fed up with so much to do. her legs swell up quite a lot and we have quite a job to get her shoes on, when she goes. We have to fetch her and take her back by Taxi that cost £1. she can't walk very far. I phoned Mrs Beaux last week she said the people are not in yet might be about 3 months there is a lot to do I believe there will have to be a cut on the price of the house We are going away in August the 23rd till the 3 Sept. We are staying with my sister a week and then my Brother for a week. They both live at {illegible}<sup>54</sup> We are looking forward to going we have had a bad summer so far cold & lots of wind. better the last few days we sat along the front {illegible} more people about Miss {illegible} goes to Spain this week end with Joe for two weeks poor Joe dropped a slab of paving stone on his leg & had to have 7 stitches on it so had to stay in bed for a week bit of a shock for Miss {illegible}. They go by car to the airport so he will not have to do much walking. Well Ken I think this all new from us.

With all our best wishes



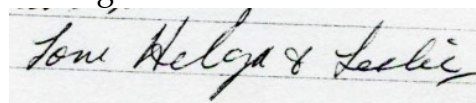
L43.083

83 - 84

Handwritten letter from Helga and Leslie to Ken  
15 Scratton Rd  
Southend-on-Sea  
Essex SSI IEN<sup>55</sup>  
July 2/1972

My Dear Ken:

Pleased to have your letter and all news Yes the roller makes it much easier & you can cover quite a larger area in half the time. Well Ken we have had to get your mother in a nursing home Mrs Gobles can't manage to do what she requires. She is going there today so Mrs Gobles will hand over 3 weeks rent to Mr Andrews. So I will write to the Bank advising them to make payment to him from next date do; Helga went to see the doctor and he agrees that Mrs Gobles can't give the nursing required. as hers is only a Guest House for the Elderly. We are sorry about this we thought this was a permanent home for Karen. this is all so sad. Your mother was here last Sunday it was quite an ordeal to get her up to the loo; glad to say her legs have now gone back to normal, she quite happy being in bed. So I don't think she will come to us again. We did see Karen yesterday she has deteriorated very much. she got a strong heart. Helga got up at 4 this morning & brought a cup of tea up, but got back to bed again quite a change for me. Helga's now cooking dinner & I have been cleaning up Mandy sticks to us as Mrs {illegible} away in Spain. it's a bad summer have quite cold pleased Riley settled in quite well. Well Ken I let you have all news soon again



P.S Mrs Gobles took 2 photos of your mother in her garden very good will save them when you come

L43.085

85 - 86

Handwritten letter from Bill and Madge to Ken  
Mr & Mrs Goble  
40 Satanita Road  
Westcliff-on-Sea  
Essex  
England<sup>56</sup>

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<sup>55</sup> A note by the author reads: "Mothers new address  
c/o Mr Andrews  
Avenue Nursing Home  
{illegible} Avenue  
West-Cliff on Sea Essex"

<sup>56</sup> Address appears on envelope.

5/7/72

Mr Kenneth Hurst  
Prentice/Hall International  
Englewood Cliffs  
New Jersey 07632  
USA<sup>57</sup>

Dear Ken,

This is one of the hardest letters I have had to write but must do so. You have probably been told of your mothers move. She deteriorated very suddenly. The last ten days we could not get her to use a toilet – and it made things impossible. I had doctor in twice in one week and he said he realized she needed more attention than I could do alone. Also it was affecting my health as I was getting no breaks. In the nursing home with three nurses and night staff they can't keep her dry. She has settled very well. Saw her on Tuesday but is in her room at all times. They will keep her there regardless of how bad she gets. Her mind is completely gone so in a way that is good. I got two nice photo – of her. Your Aunt has them both, says she will send you one. Well Ken once again I wish I could have coped but can<sup>58</sup> assure you she is all right. Did not seem upset even when I took her there. Hope to hear from you one day and until then all the best from us both.



**L43.087**

87 - 88

Handwritten letter to Ken  
L. W. Guiver  
15 Scratton Rd  
Southend On-Sea  
Essex SSI IEN  
8/7/72

Dear Ken,

We saw your mother yesterday. she was up and she was dressed. There are two in the room. nice large room ground floor. looking out on to road bed quite good. quite a lot of women. Were sure it's better for her to have company she does not seem to know that's she been moved there are day & night nurses on, visiting hours from 2 to 4 every day {illegible} door so will not have to have taxies. Your mother is not fit to have out she's deteriorated very much and never mentions you it used to be all you. if only she could read but we can't get her interested in anything she never mentions the past. We are not very pleased with<sup>59</sup> Mrs Gobles. last Saturday when we were there

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<sup>57</sup> Address appears on envelope.

<sup>58</sup> Page 86

<sup>59</sup> The author inserted "with" by hand.

Karen was shut up in the bedroom and tied to a chair I think it was a {illegible} little bed room for her to be in no carpet on the floor. she {illegible} 5 for room decorations with out our knowledge. she would not keep your mother anymore and this was all done in two days. Will tell you more when we see you. do hope this will be permanent

They<sup>60</sup> did say they will keep her so we hope for the best. it's not for the want of trying it's a shocking day here pouring with rain we are going out to {illegible} this afternoon do hope you are making a good job of your decorating. hope this letter will not upset you. have written to the Bank manager to have the payment transferred.

{illegible} Nursing Home  
Matron Lera Andrews  
40 Crowstone Avenue  
Westcliff On Sea  
Essex

**L43.089**

89 - 90

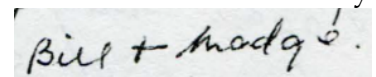
Handwritten letter from Bill and Madge to Ken  
7/8/72<sup>61</sup>

Dear Ken,

Thought I would drop a few lines giving my opinion of your mother's condition. I saw her about two weeks ago and realized she was rapidly deteriorating. Mrs Turner and I went again today and afterwards I decided to write. She is completely lost to this world. Can't stand, speak or even recognise anyone. Her chest is also very congested. They are doing all they can Ken but she is beyond help. In my honest opinion she has little time to go, a few weeks and for her sake Ken I hope not very long. We talked to her about you and her sister but no response. She now has a catheter tube in but too far gone for it to bother her. They have to open her mouth to get food in. I just can't believe she is the woman whose picture I took seven weeks ago. Thank God I took it, you have a recent one of her. I may not go again Ken as there is no response. They tell me they will phone if there is any change.

Bill & I have been very busy,<sup>62</sup> the outside of the house has now been decorated and have just finished the glass house. We took the old folks up to {illegible} for a few hours and had a nice tea and home {illegible} 8 P.M. We hired a mini bus and they had a wonderful time. Will close now hope to have a few lines when you have time.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill + Madge".

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<sup>60</sup> Page 88

<sup>61</sup> KTH inserted "Aug 7" by hand.

<sup>62</sup> Page 90

## L43.091

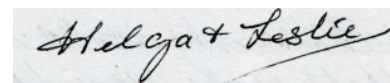
91 - 92

Handwritten letter from Helga and Leslie to Ken  
15 Scratton Rd  
Southend-on-Sea  
Essex SSI IEN  
31/7/72

Dear Ken.

I regret to say your mother is in a bad state They now have to feed her also help her to drink she holds no conversation at all, and its pass thinking of getting her out she cont. walk across the room without help. it's a good thing she's in this home, she's not bullied and more comfortable chair to sit in {illegible} went with Helga again she thinks she looks very ill the doctor saw her last week, gave her pills for her head Well we went over to {illegible} for the day yesterday to Johns & Chris's We have been going for a long time but having Karen on Sundays have had to put it off. John & Chris are emigrating to Australia on the 17th of September going to Sydney to her mother's taking small {illegible} , they want to sell the flat furnished Trixie came to tea we saw Karen & baby Trixie looks well just been down to Cornwall to her friends {illegible} it was quite a long journey from here to Liverpool Street then change at {illegible} St. and again at Archway to {illegible}. John brought us to Liverpool St by car that<sup>63</sup> saved us a lot of changing we were home at 10:15 we were glad to see them all again and Chris is a very good cook. Trixie will miss {illegible} glad she's got Karen she loves the baby. I will {illegible} give them your new address You might on your world tours see them We wish them every success {illegible} a very {illegible} girl. do hope you are now settling down in your new flat. hope everything is now settled at 15 Summerhill {illegible}

With both our best wishes



## L43.093

93 - 94

Handwritten letter from E. Andrews to Mr Hurst  
Mr E. Andrews, {illegible}  
Avenue Nursing Home  
40 Crowstone Avenue  
Westcliff-on-Sea  
Essex  
England  
Aug 9th '72

MR Kenneth T. Hurst  
Mountainview East

696 Sierra Vista Lane  
Valley Cottage  
New York  
USA<sup>64</sup>

Dear Mr Hurst,

I am writing to give you a report on your Mother's health since she has been with us. From what I gather from Mrs Guiver, your mother Mrs Karen Gill was able to walk, dress and feed herself only a few months ago.

When she first came here she could only walk with assistance, and could not feed or dress herself any longer.

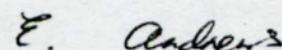
At present she needs full nursing attention, and her doctor doesn't think she will recover a great deal, if at all.

In fact, her general health has been slowly declining for some time.

There is no cause for alarm at present however. I {illegible} you are planning to come over in October to see her.

Be assured that Mrs Gill is in good hands and being taken care of properly. If there are any major changes for the worse in her condition, I shall let you know.

Yours Sincerely,



## L43.095

95 - 96

Handwritten notes by {Kenneth}<sup>65</sup>

Undated

### MOR

(1) Blood circulation to organs,<sup>66</sup> etc interrupted by hardening of arteries - including brain, thereby giving flashes of non-consciousness - so forgets & can't link what went before. Bad memory

(2) SPIRIT - The MIND is still there but can only function on this plane via the BRAIN - if this is impaired, then ----

(3) In 70's the Soul prepares to withdraw from body, starts the work, (But this only fully leaves body at DEATH). Til then, eases off. In youth an inpouring of nature & vitality 20-30 - then starting in 50's a withdrawing. (over)

(4)<sup>67</sup> MOR - spiritual value also to her decline.

(i) The shock of bereavement slakes {illegible} & now {illegible} alike - makes them come to grips with reality of Life (& Death) temporarily, loosens hold of Maya.

(ii) The arteriosclerosis starts the withdrawing process from life and thereby coupled with (i) produces disillusionment with life, and its intrinsic sadness and unsatisfactorieiness (sp?) This is depressing and one starts to give up. Some take

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<sup>64</sup> Address appears in Airmail form on back of letter.

<sup>65</sup> Author determined from handwriting.

<sup>66</sup> KTH inserted "organs" by hand.

<sup>67</sup> Page 96

longer than others, & cling on to life for some years. But not in Mor's case, {illegible} not necessary.

PRESUME therefore (?) one's intrinsic Buddhistic pessimism is increased & carries over into next life? WHAT CAN I SAY TO MORE THAT MIGHT HELP HER?]

### L43.097

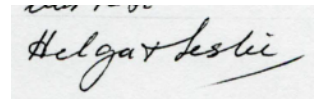
97 - 98

Letter from Helga and Leslie to Ken  
15 Scratton Road  
Southend.on.Sea  
Essex SSI IEN<sup>68</sup>  
16/8/72 5.15 pm

Dear Ken

Pleased to have your P.C. from Tanglewood, looks a very restful place. hope you have benefited for the rest. We are off next Wednesday Aug, 23rd for 2 weeks back Sept 6th. spending one week with my sister and one week with my brother. We both are looking forward to seeing them. And having a change & rest Mr Andrews of the nursing home said he had written to you Your mother was in a wheel chair last Friday in the garden she is too weak to walk by herself but they do seem kind and have a black nurse who seems very good. You will see a change its out of the question to have her out they have to feed her also help her to drink and soft food. I did manage to get the signature required not very eligible but the bank accepted I did write explaining circumstances. We are having some good weather now just started picking our own {illegible}

looking forward to seeing you soon  
All our best

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Helga & Leslie', written on a light-colored rectangular piece of paper.

### L43.099

99 - 102

Handwritten letter from PB  
17 August

This acknowledges receipt of your letters May 22, July 9, 13 and 14. The excellent

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<sup>68</sup> A handwritten note by the author reads: "My Brothers address  
Douglas Guiver  
14 Churchdown Rd  
Poolbrook  
Malvern  
Wores  
Tel 3069 Malvern"

Curry from P-H, Delhi, for which many thanks. The hanging files you use at PH came in also and fit quite well, for which thanks also.

The news about Mother was disconcerting, although she will certainly get better attention in the nursing home. It is not clear from Leslie's statement on one point. "Did she recognise him and Helga, or are they blanked out too?" If you can find out, I may be able to understand better what is happening. There may be a positive to her experience.

I have spoken to a physician-psychiatrist about her too who recommends {#} NIACIN tablets (Vitamin B3) as a help or palliative, not as a remedy of course. They {are} harmless. Perhaps Leslie could bring them to the nurse

Yes, please come here Oct 23/29. I made your reservation 3 weeks ago at Hotel EUROPE (not Palace, as you write) Avenue des Alpes. You have now moved into the new apartment and I will be interested on the result of inside acquaintance with it. I shall not make any change for several months.

I attended to the matter of the 2200 books, which I sent to Australia, on a recommendation. I note an advert in London "Telegraph" of books from Japan about an exhibition organised by you {illegible}. {Foyle's} shop. Are you going to the Orient next trip or coming to Europe first?

The<sup>69</sup> ginseng was excellent, and in my case without side effects!

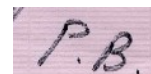
I apologise for the strange actions and happenings during your last visit, I attribute them to a certain dark entity who has been interfering in other ways also during this year, but I shall handle it until its gone before long.

Here is midsummer and one has to wear winter clothes! The climate fluctuates quickly and often. But I keep well and my physician thinks the scalp trouble is now leaving permanently.

Warned by past experience I transferred most of my London royalties a week before the fall in exchange and run on sterling.

I hope you are keeping in mind the need for occasional retreat from the trouble about Mother. It does not good to hold on to it all the time. You have done what you could to help.

With Peace and Affection



P.S. Please tell Erna I got her letters and have sent her mental answers, with every good thought for her spiritual {bhakti} too. It is lucky she has been there to assist you.

**L43.103**

103 - 104

Letter from Helga and Leslie to Ken

L. W. Guiver

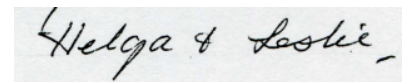
15 Scratton Road

Southend.On.Sea  
Essex SSI IEN  
Sunday. 20/8/72<sup>70</sup>

Dear Ken.

I am writing early again saying we saw your mother yesterday. she in a very poor state. she does not know us I am afraid she will not be long here. We are due to go away this Wednesday. have left our address with Mr Andrews if anything should happen he must send for us to come back. How would you like us to make all the arrangements in the event {illegible} Etc. it would be no use you coming to see her. We will phone Mr {illegible} and he could let you know. should anything happen. do hope you are well and now settling in your new home.

Love from us both



We are staying one week with my sister. Malvern Tel 61611<sup>71</sup> and one week with Douglas Tel Malvern 3069<sup>72</sup>

**L43.105**

105 - 106  
Handwritten notes by Kenneth<sup>73</sup>  
August 23, 1972

#### MOR DREAMS

1. Night of her death. appeared young beautiful and smiling – in 1920's garb. Strong feeling of her presence.

2. August 25, 1977. Night before PB returned to NY.

I was walking toward #15 house, admiring beautiful flowers. Turned corner, flowers all dead. Entered house, searched rooms seeking Len. Finally opened kitchen door and there was Len, busy, chattering to himself. And beyond, through french windows, was Mor asleep in a chair. She awoke, opened her eyes and looked to see if I were alright, then returned then returned to sleep.

3. Sept 1, 1977. Night after PB left NY.

I entered house, went upstairs to my old room. Saw on left in small room a woman lying in bed. She awoke & spoke to me (I don't think it was Mor.) She was some kind of guardian.

Then.....in came Bassa (chattering brightly to himself) – then Mor looking lovely in an elegant gown - & then Leslie. I talked to Bassa. Fade-out.

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<sup>70</sup> KTH inserted "Aug 20" by hand in the top right corner.

<sup>71</sup> "Malvern Tel 61611" is circled by hand.

<sup>72</sup> KTH inserted "from Aug 29" by hand.

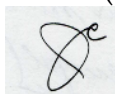
<sup>73</sup> Author determined from handwriting.

### L43.107

107 - 108  
Handwritten note from {Jc} to Ken  
Undated note

Ken URGENT  
Don Deeks called  
your mother died  
peacefully 7 PM<sup>74</sup>  
last night<sup>75</sup>

Your mother's mother is on holiday till Sept 6th & apparently can't be reached.  
You can call Don at<sup>76</sup> his home  
Phone (01) 346-1279



### L43.109

109 - 110  
Handwritten letter from Norma to Mr Hurst  
August 25, 1972

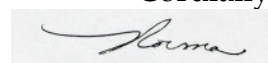
Dear Mr Hurst,

I was very sorry to learn of your mother's death. Having lost both my parents, I can appreciate what you feel at this time.

"Time" - our best healer of wounds will soon be working in your favor.

Please accept my heartfelt condolences.

Cordially,



### L43.111

111 - 112  
Telegram from Kenneth to Brunton  
8/25/72<sup>77</sup>

Brunton  
Chemin De Ballallaz, 14  
Bloc A, Appt. 11  
Montreux (Switzerland)

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<sup>74</sup> KTH inserted "(U.K. time?)" by hand.

<sup>75</sup> KTH inserted "(Aug 24)" by hand.

<sup>76</sup> Page 108

<sup>77</sup> "N/L" is typed in top right corner.

Mother died peacefully last night stop<sup>78</sup> Guivers attending to cremation so I will not go over

Kenneth

J. Thompson  
12:30 a.m.

### L43.113

113 - 114

Duplicate of L43.111 with handwritten notes by Kenneth  
8/25/72<sup>79</sup>

Brunton  
Chemin De Ballallaz, 14  
Bloc A, Appt. 11  
Montreux (Switzerland)

Mother died peacefully last<sup>80</sup> night stop Guivers attending to cremation so I will not go over

Kenneth

J. Thompson  
12:30 a.m.<sup>81</sup>

### L43.115

115 - 116

Handwritten notes by {Kenneth}<sup>82</sup>  
Undated note

(1) Call Niekirk Contact Mr Beynon - Nate West Bank Bloomsbury

(2) Telephone Guiver MALVERN 61611<sup>83</sup>  
c/o Mrs WARD

- I won't come over  
- Make arrangements cremation<sup>84</sup> funeral (Keep ashes for me)

(3) Telephone Mr Andrews

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<sup>78</sup> "stop" was used in place of terminal punctuation in telegrams.

<sup>79</sup> KTH inserted "1972" by hand.

<sup>80</sup> KTH inserted "Thursday August 24 7pm in evening local time - had bad day (?)" and "= 2pm U.S. time" by hand.

<sup>81</sup> KTH inserted "I dreamt (& woke up) middle of nite, Mother beautifully dressed fur coat, 20's hat, smiling at me" by hand at the bottom of the page.

<sup>82</sup> Author determined from handwriting.

<sup>83</sup> "MALVERN 61611" circled by hand.

<sup>84</sup> Checkmark inserted above "cremation" by hand.

Avenue Nursing Home  
40 Crowstone Ave  
Westcliff, Essex

(4) Was it peaceful? Yes

(5) KH will phone Guivers  
3 pm  
10 am (NY time)  
SAT

Flowers from me  
-- ke

### L43.117

117 - 118  
Handwritten letter to Ken  
Durrants Hill Road  
Hemel Hempstead  
Herts. England<sup>85</sup>  
Monday, Sept 4th, '72

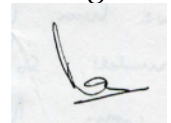
Dear Ken

A belated note to say how sorry I was to have to phone you & inform you of your Mother's death.

I managed to contact Mr Giver at his holiday address and gave him your new home phone numbers. So I hope he contacted you. Mr Andrews had been in touch with them from the Nursing Home, & the funeral was to be arranged for this<sup>86</sup> week.

Ann sends her best regards, & hopes you will come over to Hendon next month.

Best personal regards

A small, handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'L' followed by a stylized flourish.

### L43.119

119 - 120  
Handwritten letter from Bob Shaw to Kenneth  
September 5, 1972

Dear Kenneth

The news that your mother passed away just reached me. You have from Sophia

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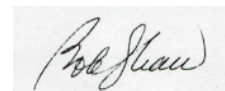
<sup>85</sup> Address appears in the letterhead.

<sup>86</sup> Page 118

and me our most sincere condolences.

Those passing on to other {illegible}, I'm sure, at one point or other, like to think that they have made their mark on the world, or that they have endowed our civilization with a legacy.

In this case, your mother's memory will be cherished by all those who are grateful for her endowing the world with a son we are all proud to call colleague and friend.



## L43.121

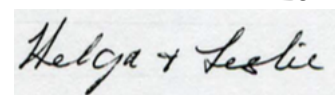
121 - 122

Handwritten letter from Helga and Leslie to Ken  
15 Scratton Rd  
Southend.on.Sea  
Essex SSI IEN  
10/9/72

My Dear Ken.<sup>87</sup>

The cremation took place Friday Sept: 8th at 3-45. We arrived home early Thursday morning that the service<sup>88</sup> would take place Friday so we had to get busy. Where? Visit? I am pleased everything was quite satisfactory. just Helga & self; and car fetched us & brought us back {illegible} sent money<sup>89</sup> from the 3 of them. We have phoned her this morning she's doing a part time job John & {illegible} have been to Scotland & going to lunch with Trixie to day they are off next Sunday. I have sent certificate of death to the Bank, and sending certificate to national social security for {illegible} for costs I did write to Bank advising them that the {illegible} for funeral arrangements would be sent to them and stop pay to Mr Andrews. We called to see Mr Andrews yesterday thanking him for services there was no extras bill due. All news when we see you in October.

Love



## L43.123

123 - 124

Handwritten letter to Ken  
Undated<sup>90</sup>

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<sup>87</sup> KTH inserted "ASHES?" by hand at the top of page.

<sup>88</sup> KTH inserted "Where? visit?" by hand.

<sup>89</sup> "money" is circled by hand with "?" added by hand.

<sup>90</sup> The original editor inserted "KTH" with an arrow at the top of the page.

Ken,

I am very sorry about your mother. If you are not going to England immediately, and there is anything I can do next week ---- please let me know.

## L43.125

125 - 128

Handwritten letter from PB to Kenneth

Montreux

11-Sept-72

Your cable & letters Aug 8 & 26 & Itinerary of Fall Travel received, dear Kenneth

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As you expect to come here next month I leave the matter of Mother's death until then and have only to say

1) When I visited England last she said to me that she was very pleased with you and I remember well the further words "Kenneth has been a good son to me." So do not encourage the feeling of guilt.

(2) The blanking out of her memory of you, and the distressing bodily symptoms were part of the general rapid decay: a withdrawal of her consciousness by stages accompanying the deterioration of the relative brain centres; means than she suffered far less than seemed outwardly. She was freed from the body at last, and in close timing with Len's freedom, which was best for her happiness Be<sup>91</sup> relieved that it was over without the lingering misery of years. And your dream of her at the time, looking so radiant, shows you the real state she enjoys now - a fast passage to heaven

The worst is over for her, by grace.

I am glad Erna was there to help, not only with the new apartment, but with this critical time in your emotional life. She has been growing.

The negative pessimism of Buddha about death, chained to the Wheel, etc is only one side of the picture. There is a cheerful one on the other side. Remember what Pythagoras said: the soul is an emanation of the Universal Divine Mind. The body consciousness hides this - death begins disclosure of it for those who have the sensitivity. And Mother had it.

With Peace & Affection

## L43.129

129 - 130

Handwritten letter from Helga and Leslie to Ken

15 Scratton Rd

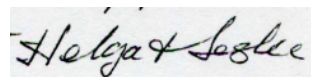
Southend.on.Sea  
Essex SSI IEN  
8/11/72

I see Nixon is back

My Dear Ken

Thank you for your two P.C. pleased to hear the exhibition in Poland was a success, hope you enjoyed the opera. Well we both went to the {illegible} office to see about the seat for the new {illegible} they were most helpful. We left all information with them might take about 12 months they will advise us later on. I am pleased to say I have now finished all the decorations I'm going to do this year, not bad 3 rooms for an old {illegible} looks very nice, expect you will have to get down to do some home soon I am sure you must be glad to get home after all your globe trotting, hope you found Riley in good shape he must be pleased to have you back again Miss {illegible} came back Saturday from Spain looks very well had good weather but had lots of rain just before she went there. We had {illegible} she was glued to us We have had rain the last few days was needed but its lovely now I'm sitting in the sun quite {illegible} have had no frost yet very green everywhere. We are always pleased to have you, and hope you will keep well

Love from us both.



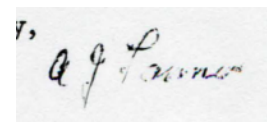
L43.131

131 - 134  
Form letter  
Chapel Of Rest  
Essex Lodge  
26 East Street  
Prittlewell  
Undated

DEAR ~~Sir~~/ Madam,

To confirm the ~~Funeral~~/Cremation arrangements of the late  
[KAREN AUGUSTUS GILL LATE OF AVENUE NURSING HOME]  
~~Interment~~/Cremation to take place at [SOUTHEND CREMATORIUM]  
on [FRIDAY SEPT 8th 1972]  
Time at Residence [3-25 pm] Time at Church -----  
Time at ~~Cemetery~~/Crematorium [3-45 pm]  
Cortege required [1 LIMOUSINE]  
Minister to Officiate [CANON SEAGO] Denomination [C.OF.E]  
Other Details [LIMOUSINE TO 15 SCRATTON ROAD  
HEARSE TO CREMATORIUM]  
Assuring you of our dignified and sympathetic attention at all times.

Yours sincerely,



[Cause<sup>92</sup> of death

1. cerebral arteriosclerosis
2. congestive Heart failure
3. {illegible} heart disease]<sup>93</sup>

### L43.135

135 - 136

Envelope to Mrs H.M. Guiver and \$1

11 IX 72<sup>94</sup>

Mrs H. M Guiver  
15 Scratton Rd  
Southend On Sea

Watch out! there's a thief about<sup>95</sup>

### L43.137

137 - 138

Handwritten notes by {Kenneth}<sup>96</sup>

Undated note

MOR

(1) {illegible}

(2) Nice nurse - unconscious most of Thursday, passed away peacefully 7:30 pm.

(3) H&L visits - no conversation, no response. Except twice - H spoke in Danish (took her back to childhood) & when reading my letter "You missed out a bit.". Very heavy the last {illegible}, had to be helped around. Food had to be cut up & fed her. {illegible} food, overlooking her own.

(4) Visited crematorium & chapel = Roles 13/9/72 - {illegible} gardens - BENCH H&L

(1) H felt deep peace at service - Mor truly at rest.

(2) Haunted Devon Cottage - L - black object came nightly thru wall & then {illegible} him to bed - cold, dank. Heard {illegible} steps but nothing here. Saw funeral leaving cottage, but {illegible}. (\*) Saw object going downstairs.

K - I felt Mor's love & "be of good cheer" Fri nite at Guivers home & Cemetery.

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<sup>92</sup> Page 133

<sup>93</sup> Contents on page 133 added by hand.

<sup>94</sup> Postmarked date.

<sup>95</sup> "Watch out! there's a thief about" is stamped on the envelope with picture of man running.

<sup>96</sup> Author determined by handwriting.

"Don't worry" – surge of life.

### L43.139

139 - 140

Envelope from {PB}<sup>97</sup> to Mr Kenneth T. Hurst

12-9. 72-12<sup>98</sup>

Mr Kenneth T. Hurst  
"Mountain View East"  
696 Sierra Vista Lane,  
Valley Cottage,  
New York 10489  
Etats Unis D'amerique

### L43.141

141 - 148

Copy of photographs

There are 2 copies of 10 photographs that have been copied in black and white  
creating poor visual quality.

*Extract: None*

### L43.149

149 - 150

Handwritten letter from PB to Kenneth  
Chemin de Ballallaz, 14  
Bloc A, Appt. 11  
CH 1820 Montreux<sup>99</sup>  
8 April 73

1) Yes, you are welcome here for May 6th to May 14, as desired dear Kenneth...

2) At last, after many difficulties and delays, the Bank (Swiss Banking Corporation, Montreux,) has accepted the position of Executor, The lawyer has added a codicil to the Will to cover this change.

3) I shall write you again in a few days (to London) but meanwhile wish to ask, while you're there, if your colleague who bought the Automatic Time Switch for my led lamp could try to get a plug to fit the thing. All those 3 {prong} are of a type not made or sold in Switzerland, only in England. I've tried several towns here in vain. A simple plug to fit on the end of the main cord {of the} lamp cord and to plug into the automatic Timer. It arrived here with no plug to fit, so I have been unable to use it. I enclose the

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<sup>97</sup> Author determined from handwriting.

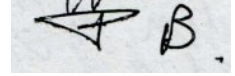
<sup>98</sup> Postmarked date.

<sup>99</sup> Address appears in the letterhead.

printed picture<sup>100</sup> instructions of the apparatus (which return please later) on which I marked the 3 oblong holes where the prongs fit. Many thanks

(4) Concerning your difficulties with itinerary an Indian Swami<sup>101</sup> who went from Israel to Egypt was jailed in Cairo for 2 weeks lately. But is it or was it not possible to visit Lebanon first and go indirectly later to Israel?

With peace & affection



## L43.151

151 - 154

Handwritten notes by {Kenneth}<sup>102</sup>

May 1973

### Action Plan PB

- 1) Noel to cable KH (PRENHALL ENGLEWOODCLIFF NY)
- 2) Noel to notify by telephone lawyer M. MARC CHESSEX rue du Theatre 3, 1820 Montreux. Tel 62-44-12
- 3) Noel to notify by telephone M. DUCREST (Montreux 61-21-29) of the local funeral parlor LES POMPES FONBRES GENERALES S.A.  
Rue de la {gate} 20, Montreux to collect and HOLD body ready for crematorium.
- 4) They are paid by the crematorium society, SOCIETE {VAUDOSE} DE CREMATIONS, Caroline 1, 1000 Lausanne. (021) 22-15-33.  
(PB has paid them 600 SF for Carte de Membre # 19029.)
- 5) M. CHESSEX to notify SOCIETE BANQUE SUISSE de MONTREUX (Asst. Mgr. M. ANDRE GFEUER). The Bank is the Executor. Will dated 28 Feb. 1972, with codicil re Bank dated 20 March 1973.
- 6) KH fly Montreux via Geneva. See M. {Duchest} and make a arrangements for the crematorium funeral. Telephone 01- 637306 Eva/Beau and Arthur. No Minister.  
0031-70-836 796 father  
0031-70-644 920 office
- 7) Arrange preserve ashes in an urn.
- 8) Register the death in Montreux. Obtain 6 copies of death certificate. Municipality City Hall. (Does doctor sign the certificate?)
- 9)<sup>103</sup> {Bociete} Banque Swisse is executor. They have lost {and} all contents {and} flat (needed for Municipality capital wealth tax) so they will check and I can use to ensure nothing missing. They pay all outstanding bills (light, water, gas, rent, etc.) and take over keys to apartment.
- 10) Give E, B and A their bequests, and choice of furniture and household utensils.
- 11) Can Arthur stay for a week and supervise packing of (1) Objects d'Art (2)

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<sup>100</sup> Page 150

<sup>101</sup> PB inserted "Swami" by hand.

<sup>102</sup> Author determined from handwriting.

<sup>103</sup> Page 153

Books (3) Files and have them shipped to me? c/o Prentice-Hall (Separate cartons best.). Hold them at West Nyack. KTH, Prentice Hall Inc, West Nyack, New York

12) KH send bequests, with a short note,

13) Bank will notify Riders & Duttons & Herman Bauer to send PB royalties to KH in future. (Check see bank does this.)

14) Bank will notify KH of monies due balance. Tell them transfer it to Nate West Minster Holborn direct.

15) KH {empower} Riders & Duttons to forward PB correspondence to me and I'll send {illegible} letter.

## L43.155

155 - 156

Duplicate of first page of L43.157

## L43.157

157 - 160

Handwritten letter from Kenneth<sup>104</sup> to PB

June 8, 1973

May I thank you, dear PB—

for a most enjoyable visit. I'm sorry about my cold slowing me down. The sun and your medicine cured it. Warsaw was cold and wet and depressing. I was glad to leave and return here. Now just about caught up on the backlog of work! Mr Riley was delighted to see me, and thanks you for your postcard. He regrets his operation does not allow him too personal an interest in Mlle. Kitty!

1. I forgot to bring the tin of Indian curry from London, but wrote the office to mail it to you. Hope you received it safely.

2. Enclosed is copy of renewal form we must use for {scom.} We will need #4 data from Dutton (my copy shows it copyrighted in their name)—exact date, & regn. class & number. Have they notified you it's 'Out-of-Print' in USA? If they keep it in print, then they would renew. But we can't renew before 1980—so have plenty of time.

3. I also forgot to give you address labels. Sorry! Will seamail them.

4. PB, regarding your proposed move next spring. Despite fallen stock market, I still have more capital than I need myself; and no heirs to leave it to. Please allow me to propose that I contribute to the new rent or purchase so you may enjoy a home<sup>105</sup> suitable for your needs—larger and quieter, etc. I would be very very<sup>106</sup> happy if you would permit this. I owe my schooling to you, and have been fortunate in my business career. So let me put the money to good use. I don't need it myself.

Again, my thanks for the visit. I was glad to see you in such good health.

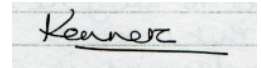
All my love,

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<sup>104</sup> The original editor inserted and circled "K" in the top right corner.

<sup>105</sup> KTH changed "place" to "home" by hand.

<sup>106</sup> Page 158



P.S. Your April 8 letter was forwarded me unopened from {illegible}.  
Smith data returned herewith.

### L43.159

159 - 160

Handwritten letter from PB to Kenneth  
31 August 73

Your August 14 letter, death Kenneth...

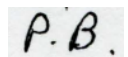
...Yes I'll stay in Geneva hotel night before flying and look forward to meeting you at Bari Airport September 21 at 17.10 flight {BM} 1392.

You ask if there is anything you can get for me? Yes, in Tokyo a mild Green Tea, (but not the kind which has to be whisked up to a froth) please.

There is a cholera outbreak in Naples and vaccination is advised but I'll not take any.

There are difficulties in Italian residence but after visiting {Rosa} {Marina} it will be possible to balance them against compensations more correctly. Anyway I hope it will be relaxed holiday for you, at least; something much more at best.

With Peace and Affection



### L43.161

161 - 162

Handwritten telegram draft from Brunton to Kenneth Hurst  
3rd Sept 73

c/o Prentice Hall Of Japan Inc.  
20-6 Kiocho, Chiyoda Ku Tokyo Japan<sup>107</sup>  
Telex J-24987

Kenneth Hurst cholera epidemic raging entire Bari area.<sup>108</sup> please cancel my visit  
sorry writing

Brunton

### L43.163

163 - 166

Letter from Helga and Leslie to Ken  
15 Stratton Road

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<sup>107</sup> Crossed out in same blue pen as draft was written with.

<sup>108</sup> Punctuation added for readability. They were not used when sending telegrams.

Southend-on Sea  
Essex SSI IEN  
21/Nov 1973

Dear Ken,

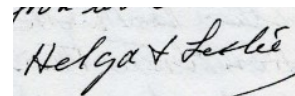
Glad you enjoyed your stay in Madrid and escaped – you are now, well bedded down in your own Flat with {illegible}. Well did you rise at 5:30 AM to see the wedding of Princess Anne and {illegible}. it was a super such a lovely day just like a may day, sun allway. Oh what a change from strikes & rising prices {illegible} and I went for a walk along the front in the afternoon and sat on the seat for short time We notice a lovely tree a few yards away in full bloom so I picked a sprig and enclose it for you. The weathers been very good since you left. do hope when you come in July it will be kind to you we enjoyed our tea with you at the Pavillion had a letter from Trixie this morning she seems to be settling down. She's had a letter from Mrs Tucker she must be quite an age. Karen had David's people for the day on Sunday there were 12 of them.

I hear Kray's having driving lessons they sent Trixie lots of magazines of the Queens visit to the opening of the Opera House out there {illegible}<sup>109</sup> been to have her check up with the doctor he was pleased with her but she's not to go out if there's a cold wind if she gets a cold she's to let him know and he will give her some pills. It was very good she's had the summer to get out and about and enjoy her walks along the front.

I got your medals look very nice I can just imagine you wearing them at some grand banquet

Now the {illegible} thing we shall soon have Christmas here, the shops look very gay. Miss {illegible} enjoyed her holiday in Spain, sorry she missed seeing you. I am now going shopping for Helga so on my way to the Post – do hope you are keeping well

Love from us both



**L43.167**

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Blank postcard

A black and white copy of a postcard with the printed description noting it is of the floral clock at Westcliff by the Sea and was printed in Great Britain.

*Extract: None*

**L43.169**

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Telephone: Southend 46784

GUEST HOUSE FOR THE ELDERLY

40 SATANITA ROAD  
WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA  
ESSEX<sup>110</sup>

Proprietors<sup>111</sup> –  
Mr & Mrs GOBLE

Guiver<sup>112</sup> Phone #  
Southend-on-Sea  
43154

MALVERN 61611  
(Worcestershire, England)]

## L43.173

173 - 174

Handwritten letter from Kenneth to PB  
December 16, 1973

Our first snowstorm of the winter, dear PB—

and outside the icy winds are lashing my windows!

1. Time has flown since my return two months ago. But I now thank you for my visit. I enjoyed it very much!

2. Erna will have seen you by now. We spent the day together on “Thanksgiving” and she came up to the apartment. Then I fasted for the following 3 days, and had a good clean out.

3. She may have mentioned I’ve been having trouble with my teeth. Had a wisdom tooth extracted; then root canal work on 3 others to save them. Was in the dentist’s chair 5 hours—for a \$586 bill! My gums are also in bad shape—a “semi-terminal” case, the dentist termed it. “Periodontitis”—meaning flabby, loose gums, which in turn loosen the remaining teeth. He does not recommend dentures for me, as I have a tendency to gag, so has put me on a regime of correct oral hygiene—floss, toothpicks, gum massage, etc. Then next month will cut back the gum tissue. I’ve learned a lot from the experience! Pity they don’t teach it to children at school.

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<sup>110</sup> The above is printed.

<sup>111</sup> The rest of the content is handwritten by KTH.

<sup>112</sup> Page 171

4. Well, the world seems headed for chaos these days – with U.K. tottering on the brink! A 3-day work week! Well, as you said, if not a war, there are other ways trouble can afflict people.

5. I sent you the different toothbrushes from England. Here my dentist has put me on the “ORAL B” which is made in USA. It’s nylon brush, and quite soft.

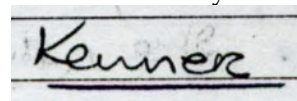
6. Last Monday Gillien P-Krag telephoned, and I invited her to stop by Wednesday evening on her way back to Ithaca. We had a very enjoyable evening; she<sup>113</sup> cooked a spaghetti dinner. She said Romaine is doing very well at art (see her earlier letter enclosed) and is more relaxed. Hasn’t seen much of Tony but he seems to be carrying on as usual. During the evening while talking to her of spiritual things I felt THE POWER come over me, and I was most grateful for this period of inner consciousness. I hadn’t felt it since that evening in Montreux when you were talking of The Stillness.

7. I have collected some data on retirement in Spain. So far it seems favorable. I have friends living retired in Malaga, and have written them. And plan to inspect M and the {Torrelominos} are as firsthand next summer. (Pls see tentative itinerary enclosed.) ANOTHER PROPOSAL! Would you be interested in investigating it with me? Or did you decide not to go to Spain again? (If so, I understand.) So, if you would be interested I could meet you in Madrid directly from London (& I’d omit Geneva). Otherwise I’d come to Geneva (Montreux) or wherever you’d be and spend a few days before going to Spain. Could you please let me know in due course?

8. How are your plans for moving – and the South of France?

9. Well, you will have returned from Christmas in Zurich when you read this. I hope all is well with the Glass family.

All my love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kenner", written on a piece of lined paper.

**L43.175**

175 - 178

Handwritten letter from PB to Kenneth

Montreux

11 Jan 74

Your letter Dec 16, dear Kenneth ---

(1) I don’t understand why your gums and teeth got into such condition – “a semi-terminal case” – hadn’t your dentist noticed earlier what was happening? Nor what exactly happens when you write of the tendency to gag so that a denture is unsuitable? Certainly the tiny bits of food between teeth and caught at back of throat become sources of trouble later if not thoroughly removed; they decay turn acid, harm. You’re right about the need of learning precise dental care as children. Parents and schools should do the teaching job – if they know! Thanks for the tooth brushes

(2) Now that you’ve met {Gillian Krag} you can understand that she is a really

talented artist, and also sensitive spiritually

(3) The cable re Art Gerhart's operation, the portrait of their Riley & caviar, the correspondence with Sarira and {illegible} (a good reply!) acknowledged. The pens came in at Xmas: they are excellent, (I'm not using one for this letter because the office is being thoroughly cleaned at the moment; all is in temporary chaos, so I had to use a discarded one!)

(4) What is the book "Religious & Spiritual Groups in America" by Robt. Ellwood, pub early 73 by Prentice Hall?

(5) Now I come to the Proposal: Frankly I had no interest in visiting Spain these past years since I was there. However your proposal has been under consideration despite that and I mention the following (a) I would be agreeable to visit Malaga with you but would it be possible to do so not in the hottest month (July) but after your presumed Frankfort fair visit in autumn, when the heat is less and visitors fewer. If this is impossible for you then I will come anyway, but I would avoid Madrid and meet you in Malaga itself. I prefer to take the coastal train (J.EE from Lausanne or Geneva to Barcelona, then Spanish train to Malaga) as I would not be under pressure and like to see the countryside leisurely (I enjoyed the train trip last year to French Riviera. I<sup>114</sup> decided to stay longer in Montreux as it will take longer to find a suitable place, but want to get out the end of this year. I found conditions in France worth further investigation but that needs a further visit which I hope to make this year quite apart from this Spanish one, and do it with Arthur who will bring his car and take his holiday then.

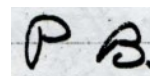
My present idea is to keep a base in Switzerland and visit away during winter months in the South.

I stayed in {Torremolinos} 20 odd years ago and did not care for it. I spent a weekend in Malaga then and liked it much better. Its climate is quite acceptable.

So you would not need to come here and could use your available time for this Spanish trip.

I await your reply -

With Peace & affection



PS If after a year or so trial I were satisfied with the wintering place, I might drop Switzerland but in these hectic days it's a valuable residence to possess.

**L43.177**

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**L43.181**

181 - 182

Handwritten letter from Kenneth to PB

February 24, 1974

Your Jan 11 letters, dear PB –  
were much appreciated.

(1) It appears that Bev is suing John Berry for support and he is countersuing her alleging their marriage was null and void on grounds that she ~~had~~ was already married to me by virtue of the "Hindu marriage ceremony" performed at the Ashrama in 1963! The case comes to court Feb 28 in Taunton, Mass. Bev's broker phoned me last week and asked me to call her lawyer. I did so and told him there had been no legal marriage, only the "blessing" party at the Ashrama. This strengthens his case to gain support from Berry for Bev. I previously spoke to Gayatra Devi at the La Crescent ashrama; she spoke harshly of Berry and even Bev, saying she'd had no contact with her recent years. She was quite firm in agreeing with my statement to Bev's lawyer, told me not to get involved. She was very nice & friendly to me. I will phone Bev's lawyer next week to ascertain outcome of the case. I've checked with our company lawyer who feels Bev cannot claim support from me as we never lived together, and had no contact for 10 years. Anyway, I'll let you know outcome next week.

(2) Apparently periodontitis (loosening of gums) happens to many people by middle age. The cutting back of gum tissue helps firm up the teeth so they don't become loose, helps one retain one's natural teeth. I've had the right side of my mouth done to date and it wasn't bad and is healing quickly. A number of people at the office have had the same thing.

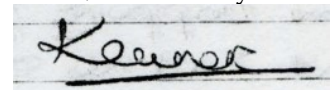
(3)<sup>115</sup> Sorry, I thought I'd sent you the Elwood book before. It's quite interesting, and I enjoyed it. So I've sent you a copy seamail. I've also sent a book I bought in England on "The Resurrection". It's very well written and interesting

(4) I'm delighted you will visit Spain with me, and agree to your sensible suggestion to do so in the autumn. I enclose my proposed dates – Oct 18-24, meeting in Malaga. Once you confirm dates, I can make hotel reservations; I have a list of them and can write my friends in Malaga to determine the most suitable. Shall we spend the week in Malaga, get to know it well, and then perhaps make day trips to the surrounding environs?

(5) I look forward to learning about your research in France when we meet.

(6) Well, otherwise all goes well, and the days fly as I keep busy at the office.

So, all for now, and all my love.



**L43.183**

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No! Contract give Rider exclusive world rights © Inc. USA. If Dutton goes OP, rights revert to Rider. If cannot countervene. Rider has the rights.<sup>118</sup>

8% royalty from Weiser or \$3.50

Selling 1000 copies<sup>119</sup>

Draft PB letter to Rider {illegible} – or he drops the line  
(over)

Hieke<sup>120</sup> have own printing press so they make money on doing it for Don. That's why they won't let him reprint himself!

PB<sup>121</sup> – Dutton

As books go O/P, PB tell me & I renegotiate with Weiser to reprint

(1) Call Dutton for plates available?

(2) Terms – contract {illegible} & PB direct 10% of Retail list Catalog Price.]

When<sup>122</sup> DW wants to reprint ~~they~~ Rider have to do it just for him, so just as expense print in OJA – especially with \$ {illegible} with write PB

up<sup>123</sup> April 26

Buy 2 HPB

“The Voice of the Silence”

“The Key to Theosophy”

“Q & A – Theosophy”

- book published by Quest Theo. Pub Co. & 2 copies “Secret Path”

“History of Spain by HUME

AND

PH “Spain” by Herring in {illegible} Country Series

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<sup>116</sup> Skipped lines here indicate a separation between notes.

<sup>117</sup> Author determined from handwriting.

<sup>118</sup> Horizontal line added below indicating a break or transition in the content.

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<sup>120</sup> Page 188 starts. This page contains four small notes copied onto the same page which may or may not be related.

<sup>121</sup> Second of four note pages begins.

<sup>122</sup> Third of four note pages begins.

<sup>123</sup> Fourth of the four note pages begins.

"SPAIN, by Salvator de {illegible}

**L43.189**

189 - 192

Handwritten letter from PB

Montreux

22 May 74

1) I'm glad you agree that I make the trip ~~with~~ to you to Malaga, in the fall. Its notorious that English visitors fall victim, if they do, to "Spanish Tummy" during the summer and it is most unpleasant. Your dates are OK.

2) Romaine left Calif. a couple of weeks ago but I asked her first to check with Gayatri Devi. Letter reports no further news or developments and insists that without civil marriage these two unwholesome persons have no legal stand.

3) Received: Ellwood, Waldorf, Walmsley (delighted with this one) & Seth Spanish Fine Art Desk Diary, Williams - Thank you! The pens were excellent too, but I use them chiefly for non-mail work. 2 British toothbrushes {illegible} Sensodyne were better.

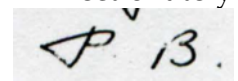
4) PH annual Report shows you deserve congratulations fully.

5) There would be trips to environs of Malaga, as you say, an excellent suggestion, as if considering future winter quarters a little distance away inland from sea would be healthier for my respiratory organs - {illegible} affected by damp night air, I find. I have dropped interest in the Cannes area.

6) I notice your final itinerary shows July 2 return to London and NYC. It occurs to me that if you had the time to spare, as short or as long as you wish, we might meet here in Montreux. If so, I'd be pleased to welcome you. Anyway let me know.

7) If any of the Masons contact you, be on guard & say minimum possible.

Be in Serenity!  
Affectionately



P.S.<sup>124</sup> Am due to be away in Zurich from 18 to 28 June. Staying at Glass's apt as they will then be abroad.

**L43.193**

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Letter from Alan Berkowitz to Kenneth<sup>125</sup>

Route 414, Valois, N.Y. 14888

July 22, 1974

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<sup>124</sup> Page 191

<sup>125</sup> KTH wrote, circled and crossed out "F4" by hand at the top of the page.

Kenneth:

Welcome back from Africa. We have been busy working on all of PB's books and have recently finished. Enclosed are all the corrections and comparisons with sheets which I hope will clearly explain what we have done.

Doubtless we have made a few of our own mistakes, or skipped a few along the way. I hope that they are not significant, and will be excused.

Most important are the \* two latest Weiser editions of the Wisdom and Secret India, which are sloppily done and have some serious mistakes. The Quest had a lot of paragraphs deleted which seemed important, and there was also one big one from the Hidden Teaching.

I hope we are not overburdening you and PB with all these things to check. In general, we felt we had better let you decide what was a mistake, and what was an intentional deletion, excepting obvious grammatical mistakes.

Regards to P. B. from all of us. Business here continues as usual. We have been very busy at the center with a lot of guests. Some of us are just finishing up a twelve-week sanskrit class we have had with an Indian fellow who is quite well qualified and just "happened" to turn up in the area. We will also begin again a class on the Wisdom - probably in the next few weeks. I hope you found your stay up here agreeable, and wish you the same for your forthcoming trip.

Sincerely,



Alan Berkowitz

Alan Berkowitz

**L43.195**

195 - 196

Handwritten letter from Kenneth to PB

August 5, 1974

Firstly please allow me to thank you, dear PB ---

for a very enjoyable four days. It was most pleasant and I apologise for so much time expended on material matters.

1) On Sunday July 21 I telephoned Tony who said Richard was eminently qualified to undertake the copy editorial work (Apparently he has had a book published of his own!) Tony also confirmed that November would be suitable for his own visit and he hoped to know his vacation schedule that week, and would suggest dates for your approval.

2) Tony then got Richard to phone me. He confirmed his great interest and willingness to undertake the assignment. Said his wife is an excellent typist; and would also be delighted to cook and clean. He understands and readily accepts their working in their hotel (editing and typing your rough notes) and seeing you three times weekly. I explained it would be for a week or two, but possibly up to four. He promised to notify you promptly of his proposed dates. I gave him Hotel du Pont address.

Now it occurs to me you might also wish him to work with you on the Alan Berkowitz list of corrections (please see attached letter) so I have asked Alan to brief

him on these. I seamailed you a set last week, so they should arrive in time. I am airmailing you the marked-up copy of WISDOM Alan refers to.

(3)<sup>126</sup> I then spoke to Bert who was delighted to learn of your acceptance of his Christmas visit in Zurich. I gave him the Hotel Wuscherhof address. He too will now finalize his dates and write you.

(4) So all is taken care of. I have also written Malaga hotels and will notify you soon as we have firm reservations. In addition to Nerja (letter enclosed) I've contacted a real estate agent in Almeira.

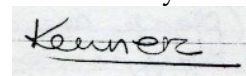
(5) My promotion was announced July 26, and I've received many notes of congratulations.

(6) I wrote to London and told them of our decision, and the matter should be underway.

(7) I came back to a pile of work at the office and am busily trying to catch up.

(8) Incidentally Donald Weiser knows the editor at Riders, Dr Daniel B---, and confirms that they have held him back with limited budgets. However the head of Hutchinsons, Sir Robert Lusty, has just retired. His successor is reported to be more expansion-minded, so possibly there could be a change.

With all my love,



**L43.197**

197 - 198

Letter from Kenneth Thurston Hurst to Alan

August 7, 1974

Mr Alan Berkowitz  
Route 414, Vallis,  
New York 14888

Dear Alan:

Thank you for your July 22 letter, and previous postcards, all of which greeted me on my return to my office.

My compliments on the monumental job you have done on all the corrections and comparisons. I can well appreciate the amount of work which went into it!

I spoke to Donald Weiser yesterday. He explained that he merely buys sheets from Riders and that he does not actually do any typesetting or printing himself. This is because the parent company of Riders is Hutchinsons who own their own printing plant and therefore prefer to keep the printing in their own company. So according to Weiser all the errors would have originated with Riders; so this would seem to be the primary source to tackle.

However as you point out there are a number of changes and deletions which could have been intentional and these will have to be decided upon by PB himself.

As you probably know Richard will be visiting PB around the beginning of

September. I therefore suggest you acquaint Richard with this project in case PB may wish to work on it with him during his visit. I have sea mailed a set to PB and they should reach him within a month.

Then, if PB wishes, the final revised corrections could be sent under his name to Riders for correction in future printings.

As I told Tony I hope to come up again – perhaps around Labor Day or perhaps around Thanksgiving. I should know soon.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,  
Kenneth Thurston Hurst  
President

KTH/jt  
cc: Mr Richard Platek

## L43.199

199 - 200

Handwritten letter from Kenneth to PB  
4 September 1974

Enclosed copies, dear PB –

are, I trust, self-explanatory regarding “OPERATION SPAIN.”

(1) I’ve cancelled Nerja visit. Too expensive and too close to built-up, expanding Malaga.

(2) Your recco of Almeira is proving more and more interesting – see my letter to Mrs Auby. I have quite a lot of data on it which I’ll bring to review with you. It’s dry like Arizona, sounds good for weak chests, etc. in winter. I also answered the Almeira ads you gave me & hope to have their replies before leaving.

(3) So I’ve scheduled the weekend in Fuengirola to review our plans and get first-hand info from my friends, the Theobalds. Then 2 ½ days in Almeira – we can fly there in small “airtaxi” in 40 minutes, better than 5 hours driving, don’t you agree? Then one day in Malaga to review our impressions, and possibly make a decision. I trust this program meets with your approval.

(4) Now – where and when do I meet you on Friday, Oct. 18. What time does your train arrive? If before me (at 12 30 noon) I suggest you take a taxi the 28 km. to Fuengirola and rest at your Florida Hotel reserved room. If your train arrives after 12 30 noon, I will be at the station to meet it and you.

(5) Well, I think that’s all for Spain until we meet. I’ll bring Tourist {P??ate} book. I’ve gone Veg. Society {illegible} - but nothing in Spain yet Spanish travel {illegible} here says plenty of fruit and easy get veg. food. Well, we’ll see -

But<sup>127</sup> I’m sure somehow or other we’ll manage to survive! (You may wish to bring some powders to sprinkle on food.)

(6) I had interesting visit with Covell’s this weekend. Will bring my notes to discuss with you.

(7) I hope your friend, Mr G, received his shipment of English strawberries safely?

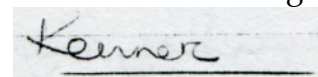
(8) Trust {illegible} arrived and is working out w{illegible }

(9) Can I do anything for you in London Or Frankfurt?

(10) As always, time rushes pending my departure in 3 weeks, but I'm on top of things & all falls into place.

(11) Awaiting your time train arrival Malaga - all else can await our meeting. And I look forward with much pleasure to our Spanish holiday together!

Hasta luego!



### L43.201

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### L43.205

205 - 206

Handwritten letter from PB

7 Sept 74

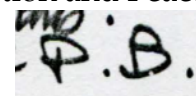
Thank you for the book "Words into Type" which is a useful professional acquisition for me

When you know the name of the hotel in Malaga where reservation is being made, please let me know, with address of course, as advance arrangements have to be made. It will be a help.

Your letter of August 5: Richard Platek & his wife have arrived and I have started the work of going through the complete list of changes needed in all the books. The number of printers errors in the paperbacks is enormous. Platek is very quick and efficient and his wife is typing what is being prepared by us. Perhaps we shall finish it all by the time he leaves. I have given until 25th this month, when I shall not be free for him any longer. The set of corrections you mailed arrived safely

Finally I need your urgent help in another matter. The suit which is supposed to be made for me by the tailor in Westminster, London, has not arrived until now. This has caused me serious disadvantages. Perhaps they are working shorthanded because it was holiday season. But in any case, I must have it at once. As you are a better and longer customer of this tailor, I beg you to ask him to attend to me without any more delay (even cable him if possible)<sup>128</sup>

With affection and Peace



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<sup>128</sup> PB inserted "(even cable him if possible)" by hand.

## L43.207

207 - 208  
Letter from PB to Kenneth  
Montreux  
September 30, 1974

[My dear Kenneth.]

1. My London tailor finally sent the suits, after so long a delay, which I propose to wear for the journey in a couple of weeks' time.

2. I'm sorry to say that the new idea which you seem to have is now far too late, since the order was placed some weeks ago.

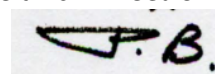
3. This confirms the following travel arrangements which I have made and for which I have already bought the tickets: leaving Geneva 17th of October, 10:40 a.m. by the Trans-Europe Express. (I may have to spend th[is] previous night in a hotel in Geneva in order to catch the early train, same day. Shall stay overnight at a hotel and then depart the next day, 18th October, from Barcelona Airport at 1510 by Iberian Airlines Flight No. 803. This arrives same day at Malaga 1630. Will you therefore please tell me where and when you will meet me, whether in the airport or in the town?<sup>129</sup> (Dr Arthur Broekhuysen has arranged to meet me in Barcelona after your departure. He will hire a car there and we shall proceed to southwest France, from where I shall probably return by train to Montreux.)

4. The program you unfold meets with my approval.

[The Plateks left a week ago. He is off to India. She returns USA I shall finish the work myself. It was somewhat of a strain and I shall not like to repeat the experience of working together. But his brain works rapidly.<sup>130</sup>

Now after the pressures, I shall really need this Spanish holiday-search.

With Peace and Affection]



## L43.209

209 - 212  
Letter from Rene to Kenneth  
Organization of American States  
17th Street and Constitution Avenue  
N.W. Washington, D.C. 20006<sup>131</sup>  
November 13, 1974

PERSONAL

Kenneth Thurston Hurst, Esq.  
President  
prentice Hall International

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<sup>129</sup> Underlined by hand.

<sup>130</sup> Question mark handwritten to the left of this paragraph.

<sup>131</sup> Address appears in the letterhead.

Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey 07632

Dear Kenneth:

First of all let me congratulate you for ascending to the lofty heights of the Presidency, fitting recognition to your obvious competence and culture.

As you can see I am back at the OAS in a short assignment. This time with the Permanent Council. The days may have been shorten as upon my starting here a bomb caused considerable damage to my office and other offices upstairs.

I tried to get in touch with Mr Leonard Schatzkin of Pan American Health Organization, but to no avail. Coincidentally I have an application to work for that Organization and I am a candidate for a post in the Division of Supplies and Transportation. Many thanks for your suggestion to contact the foundations, though I did not know about the Inter-American Society. I am trying in every direction here in Washington and have also started some wheels in Europe; I hope that at the end there is a good job for me. Considering the present economic conditions I should be glad if I find any thing half decent.

You read my mind quite well when you mentioned what the Brahmins do in India. I have been alone for a couple of years and many times I have thought about investing a couple years of my life in just going to a cave and gain enlightenment. I know I must do something similar at least very soon as it will answer some ever present questions in my mind and it will solve many of my old problems. There are other things that I would also like to do such as buying a small tract of land on a Caribbean island where later I could go and stay with my thoughts. Orient my daughter onto the right path for an education which is hard amidst this nefarious subculture and of course, I, very badly, want to spend a few years in Europe, learn a couple of languages, hear Wagner at Bayreuth and get lost one summer on the Dalmatian coast.

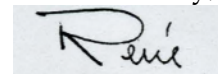
Perhaps this is all part of that menopause you were talking about.

I<sup>132</sup> plan to go to New York some time soon I hope. I will contact you before leaving as I would like to visit you personally. This is long over due and the times that I have gone to the Big City you were away.

If it is not much trouble, next time that you write to Dr Paul Brunton please give him my best regards and good wishes. I remember Dr Paul Brunton as one of the truly outstanding persons that I have met in my life. If he has written any recent books I would like to purchase them. Well my friend Kenneth, forgive the familiarity but we have been in touch for a long time and I feel I can address you this way.

I have concluded that the world is entering a period of tremendous stress. I know that a great economic crisis is near, but these things can best be discussed personally. Even though there is turmoil ahead for all of us I wish for you much happiness, health and success.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Rene", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rene Saravia

### L43.213

213 - 214  
Drawing of PB by {L Hyneria}  
2.9.1975

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### L43.215

215 - 216  
Letter from Ann to Kenneth  
12th February 1975

Dear Kenneth,

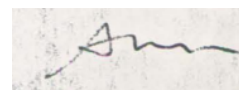
How very thoughtful of you to have sent those press cuttings to us! They were indeed interesting and we enjoyed hearing from you from out of the blue!

I planned anyway to write you a 'thank you' note, but now find I must also include news about my father. In recent weeks he had been getting more and more frail and just sleeping much of the time. He had a touch of bronchitis, but it was still unexpected when he slipped away while asleep this past Saturday, February 8th. Life had become more and more closed in. There was so little he could do that it was time and he was ready.

He wanted no fuss, but we are planning a memorial service with the Tolhursts in Tunbridge Wells.

Forgive my not writing a longer letter now. You will understand the amount there is now to do. My brother flew over from Jamaica at once to be here with us. He sends greetings to you, and with me thanks you once again for the pleasure your thoughtfulness and concern have given my father during the past years.

With warmest wishes,



### L43.217

217 - 220  
Incomplete letter  
Undated

He says the entire experience has changed him, all of it, for the better. Even his voice sounded warm and loving and he sounded truly humble and grateful. He said he was planning to go to Europe in October and hoped to spend a week with you. He is looking forward very much to seeing you - and of course, the love in his voice and wonder in his mind and hope in his heart all spoke of your grace.

Kenneth has been active at home doing work for his office. They have been bringing it to him [into his apt.] but this week, he went into the office to work a half day. He was very much touched at the solicitude even strangers in the office expressed

[when he ate] at the lunch table. He said women he had never known came up to him to say how glad they were to see him. When he hung up the phone he sent me his love. So, your son is well, and truly happy – he mentioned thoughts coming to him like “a great truth”. He xxx told me not to think of myself as being in a race, it was all part of xx a circle –we both agreed that when something happened to one of us, it happened to all – (I don’t really think of myself in a race) but I do think of myself as making hardly any real progress at all – however, we never know from a personal point of view and I am not advanced enough to put into practice the exercise you gave me about the “Timeless Self” – but it has helped, and that is enough if I think of it [once]; - it really helps when things get overpowering mentally. Thank you again. [(Roma)]

Kenneth<sup>133</sup> sounded both strong and cheerful and greatly relieved my mind by saying he was coming along very well indeed. His doctor had given him a series of exercises to go through daily and he had one of those bikes in his room which he rode daily to strengthen his lung capacity. Most vital, he said that about six weeks ago he awoke early one morning with the presence of PB so vivid, that he felt you were with him right there in his room. With your presence came a type of illumination about his condition. He knew that the positive approach along with prayer, was the path to follow; he began to pray to each cell in his body and talk to his heart. He spoke many wise things philosophically about how the body and spirit were one and how he had begun to think of all ~~of~~ [parts of his body] this that way – his thoughts became strong and positive and his heart began to melt in love for his physical structure so-to-speak [-] all of which ~~had~~ carried over mentally. – [H]e began to see so much ~~of his~~ [part] thought control as maya and the reconditioning depended upon his mental attitude which he ~~has~~ [began to] put deeply ~~into~~ practice daily.

## L43.221

221 - 224

Handwritten letter from Kenneth to PB  
July 4 1975

There has been a block, dear PB...

against my writing you, although I have thought of it many times. I was very grateful for your cable and letter, and for the timely action of Erna (who seems to enter my life at the opportune times).

Well, this has been quite an experience for me! When I entered the emergency ward of the hospital I was completely detached, I handed everything over with a sigh of relief, and found myself an objective observer, with a very loving attitude to the nurses and doctors. I don’t really think I thought I would die, but I was fully prepared to and I accepted the possibility without fear. I was on the critical list for a few days “waxing and waning” the doctors told me afterwards. I was very tired. Then I knew I was not to die (yet) and I had to cooperate in the healing process. I then had three more weeks in hospital, a week at home, two weeks at Tony’s, then back home. All this time I was aware of the complete “shake-up” I had experienced, and I felt quite disoriented. I

enjoyed the visit at Tony's - and the returning monks (Allan, Jeff and Tim) gave me news of you. Returning home, I went on a fast for {7} days to clean out the toxins and medications; and since then I have been mainly on a raw diet, salads and fruits, following the inclinations of the body.

I have also become a fervent Health Food addict and take wheat Germ and Brewer's Yeast on all my foods; plus several supplement tablets (Zinc, magnesium,<sup>134</sup> alfalfa, lecithin - and vitamin E 1200 units daily. However I don't really think diet was a factor in my heart condition (my cholesterol is normal at 220). No I think it was the result of years of stress and strain without sufficient rest - the balance was lacking. And I believe my emotions were a factor, indeed a large factor; the same emotions you counseled me twenty years ago to control! And the anger I became aware of a few years ago, and which I discussed with my Burmese {illegible}. This seems to have dissipated now. Anyway I was going along trying to evaluate all this, but rather passively, until a month ago I awoke with the strong feeling of your presence and the strong "knowing" (like my LSD experience) of the mentalism of life and the creative or destructive role our thoughts play. Again you had warned me years ago at {illegible}. And in later years I thought I knew; but intellectual understanding is not the same as truly knowing! ~~I've been trying~~ Also I realized ~~our~~ that our body composed of living cells, and that they respond to our thoughts and feelings just as plants do and that this is how all illness occurs, so also can healings. So I've been trying to help via a program of positive healing statements. It tends to be sporadic, of course, but I'm "sold on it!" Medically, I still have angina pectoris stemming from a coronary blockage but they hope the capillary arteries will develop "collateral circulation" and thereby bypass the blockage. I take 160 mg. of IDEROL and {40} mg of {ISORDIL} towards this end. And walking and exercises to stimulate the circulation.

You<sup>135</sup> may remember on a Sixth Avenue bus in New York several years ago, I complained of cold feet and legs and you attributed it to poor circulation. So I learned to wear warm socks. But that may have been an early symptom.

Anyway I thought my angina had decreased lately but yesterday I got it badly just stepping outside the house. So I don't know. A last resort would be a bypass surgical operation, but only if I cannot function adequately without it. I'm not keen on it, of course.

I've had to cancel my round-the-world trip planned for {this} autumn, but I hope to come to England and Frankfurt Book Fair. My doctor has an objection to my flying, as the planes are ~~air-conditioned~~ pressurized. Would it then be convenient for me to visit you in Montreux following Frankfurt arriving Wed, October 15 and leaving Friday October 24? If so, would it be possible to obtain a reservation at Hotel Europe as usual?

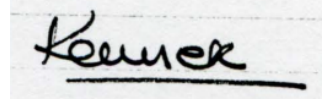
Well, I do divine that this experience has effectively divided my life. A friend said "God has given you a second chance!" Certainly things won't be the same - and I hope they will be more spiritual. They seem to be so far. I think I've learned a great deal from it - and I hope to learn and apply more.

Please accept my love,

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<sup>134</sup> Page 222

<sup>135</sup> Page 223



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My health is "so-so". One coronary cardiologist wants me to undergo open-heart surgery, as apparently I have two (out of three) coronary arteries blocked. But I am resisting this.

## L43.225

225 - 226

Letter from {P} to Kenneth

7/20/75<sup>137</sup>

Dear Kenneth -

just a line to say how much I enjoyed out phone visit.

Going off in this mail to you, is a colored photo album of Sri Ramana Maharshi -- it was sent to me from his ashram by the ancient former Post-Master who knew PB. Would you be so kind as to take it to PB for me only if he asks for it. I have written him it is being mailed you. If he does not ask for it, why, then, it is yours! I hope you enjoy it. I have another exactly like it and I enjoy it very much.

Please give your father my love and carry with you all the beauty and wonder that came through your voice when we talked. I was inspired by your experience!

May your heart beat in rhythm to the Eternal-tide.

Love,



[P.S. I am leaving ALAMO tomorrow

7/21/75 - if you are in touch with Tony's group please let Ella May know I will write after I get settled somewhere - some where!]

## L43.227

227 - 232

Letter from Alan to Kenneth

July 30, 1975<sup>138</sup>

Dearest Kenneth:

First, I must apologise to you for being so tardy in sending you the revised corrections for PB's books, which you asked me for when you were up here. Since my return from Europe I have been extremely busy - working full time and then evenings doing work I promised on Vic's house and then, when I moved, painting and fixing up

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<sup>136</sup> Page 224

<sup>137</sup> The symbol Om is handwritten above the letter.

<sup>138</sup> "S1" is handwritten then crossed out two times, in different ink, at the top of the page.

my new residence. I am now living on Rt. 414 around the corner from Tina. Tim has just left the center and is living with us here.

Tony suggested that 'PB was teaching me good habits' when I mentioned to him how hard I was working, and how little time for rest and study there was. Whatever the reason, until last week, when it let up, I had no time to do this for you.

I<sup>139</sup> assume that you still have the correction sheets we sent you which were entitled 'compiled, October 1974.' Since most of those corrections stand as they are, I have only xeroxed those pages which have changes, and which are enclosed with this letter.

All<sup>140</sup> PB's books should have the following publisher's note inserted, in italics, Placement is at the publisher's discretion where not indicated, preferably following the table of contents or title page, or on the last page of the text.

Owing to his advanced age and retirement from public activity and further withdrawal into spiritual retreat, it is no longer possible for the author of this book to answer correspondence or give interviews.

All PB'S books should have the following change made on the back cover:

Change: Dr Paul Brunton, whose works are best sellers in over a dozen languages

To: Dr Brunton, whose works are well known in most countries

A Search in Secret India: All pages remain the same, except for additions to pages 1, 9 and 10, which are enclosed as corrected.

A<sup>141</sup> Search in Secret Egypt: Correction list is unchanged, except for additions of the change in the back cover, and the placement of the Publishers Note (Xerox enclosed).

The Secret Path: Slight changes have been made. Enclosed xerox has the corrections marked in.

A Message from Arunachala: PB mentioned the possibility of a major revision of the book, consequently we did not do any further work on the corrections.

A Hermit in the Himalayas: Correct as it. Add back page change and the phrase "or give interviews" to the publishers note.

The Quest of the Overself: New corrections have been added to page 3, a xerox copy x is enclosed.

The Inner Reality: An entire new correction list was made up, and is enclosed. This replaces in entirety the Oct. 74 list. k

The Hidden Teaching Beyond Yoga: Correct as it. Add publishers Note and Back Cover change

The Wisdom of the Overself: New corrections have been added, a xerox is enclosed.

The Spiritual Crisis of Man: Correct as is. Add publishers Note and Back Cover Change.

I hope all of this is clear. If any new editions are contemplated by Weiser, I suggest you consult with PB, because many of the changes could be left out if the publisher felt they were difficult to insert, others are necessary.

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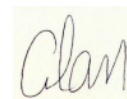
<sup>139</sup> A circled number "1" is noted in the left margin of this paragraph.

<sup>140</sup> A circled number "2" is noted in the left margin of this paragraph.

<sup>141</sup> Page 229

I hope you have fully recovered your health and are taking it easy. We have received a letter from Arthur in which he states that he may visit us in September. I wrote him back, and also mentioned that you would probably be glad to host him in N.Y., or meet him, as we discussed when you were here. I will let you know further details when I hear from him.

My new address is: Alan Berkowitz, Route 414, Valois, N.Y. 14888 My best regards to you.



### L43.233

233 - 234

Letter<sup>142</sup> from Kenneth Thurston Hurst to Donald  
August 25, 1975

Mr Donald Weiser  
734 Broadway  
New York, New York 10003

Dear Donald:

1. Thank you for the copy of THE QUEST OF THE OVERSELF, and for making all the changes and corrections in it. It has come out well, and I am forwarding on the copy. [Sent 8/12]<sup>143</sup>

2. As we discussed on the telephone, since page twenty-three has turned out three lines short, I would suggest that we add the following three lines which we originally cut:

"It must again be asserted in these notes that the path of mediumship [as well as the misuse of drugs,]<sup>144</sup> is fraught with peril and should be avoided by spiritual aspirants." [as a para after Orient and before "I must {return}"]<sup>145</sup>

3. I am sending enclosed the complete set of corrections to all PB's books.

These fall into two groups:

A. The original corrections compiled in October 1974. This is the big group.

B. In addition those pages which have further changes from those original October 1974 changes. In other words wherever the same page appears in A and B, the corrections in group B supplant the original corrections in group A.

4. Please don't hesitate to let me know if any questions or problems arise when working with any of these.

5. Again, please accept my apologies for not being able to attend your parent's golden anniversary. I do hope you gave them my apologies and best wishes.

Sincerely,

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<sup>142</sup> Letter has editing marks and may be a draft.

<sup>143</sup> KTH inserted "Sent 8/27" by hand.

<sup>144</sup> KTH inserted "as well as the misuse of drugs," by hand.

<sup>145</sup> KTH inserted " as a para after Orient and before "I must {return}"" by hand.

KTH/jt

**L43.235**

235 - 236

Handwritten letter from PB to Kenneth  
In train as from Montreux  
11 Sept 75

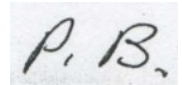
You are welcome to visit here, dear Kenneth

-- as Arthur has probably told you. Your 2 letters received.

Reservation is at Hotel Europe and includes the extra day desired

All other matters can be discussed after arrival, but please take care to keep your new regime - health is the vital thing here in this body.

With Peace and Affection



**L43.237**

237 - 238

Letter from Kenneth to Donald  
October 30, 1973<sup>147</sup>

Mr Donald Weiser  
Weiser's Bookshop  
625 Broadway  
New York, New York 10012

Dear Donald:

I have just returned from Europe and seeing PB He is very pleased indeed with your new edition of THE QUEST OF THE OVERSELF, and he thanks you very much for making all the changes and corrections in it. He greatly appreciates this.

Referring to my August 25 letter to you where I suggested we add three lines on page 23, he ask whether we could add these as a paragraph after "Orient" and before "I must return"?

Also could we insert a few words into this paragraph as follows:

"It must again be asserted in these notes that the path of mediumship, as well as the misuse of drugs, is fraught with peril and should be avoided by spiritual aspirants."

Many thanks for your help on this, Donald. Are you planning any new printings of any of the other books? And when can I entice you over here one evening for dinner - as we have long discussed?

Most sincerely,  
Kenneth Thurston Hurst

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<sup>146</sup> This letter is not signed; signature is typed.

<sup>147</sup> The original editor inserted "KTH" by hand in top right corner.

**L43.239**

239 - 240

Handwritten letter from Kenneth to PB

February 21, 1976

1) As you can see, dear PB...

from attached, we are making progress with the editorial project. I'll follow up with Weiser.

2) Gillian phoned after her return and said they had a lovely time with you in Zurich.

3) I'm in touch with the Covells, and they are well. Pat has recovered from her fall.

4) My own health continues well. I manage with the angina despite the cold winter weather. I've learned how to live with it. This has been a long hard winter and everyone is fed up with it!

5) I see Helen regularly (twice a week) and we go to Sunday Religious Science lectures together. We also go separately Monday nights - she to NYC, and I to Closter, New Jersey (25 mins. from home) where Eric Pace holds forth. I enjoy his talks. He balances Ernest Holmes with Buddhism!

6) I don't know about my relationship with Helen. We have misunderstandings and she possesses a quick temper. But we get along well, and think alike about most things. And I feel I've known her for ages. I enjoy her company, but I feel no physical attraction toward her. Anyway, I remember your advice!

7) Helga seems to have made a good adjustment to Leslie's passing. I write her weekly.<sup>148</sup>

8)<sup>149</sup> Everything is well at the office. We had a good year - 9% sales increase in International

9) Are you still planning to visit USA this spring? I'll look forward to it, and to having you stay at Mountainview East. My only commitment is to be in Montreal April 14-19. Other than that I'll be here and will, of course, meet your arrival at the airport.

10) You recall the two corrections to WOTO Index you gave me in Sept? Re Locke and the {illegible} ? Well, I forget which edition we were using, but I have checked carefully and they are both correctly numbered in the Weiser paperbacks edition. So no change is needed here.

11) I also enclose the {illegible} of changes dated March 1975 original to you. (I have kept two photocopies.) This is according to your excellent suggestion of maintaining this in case at some future date we can get all the corrections made. (In which case we would then cross out the ones Weiser has made by referring to the {illegible} list and his edition.)

12) I just telephoned Weiser (Wed). He had not yet started work on his planned reprints of "India", "Egypt" and "HTBY" but plans to next week. He has just bought a

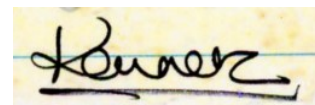
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<sup>148</sup> "(P.T.O)" is written in the bottom right corner of page.

<sup>149</sup> Page 240

new "super" typewriter on which to make the corrections. I'll follow up.

Love,



### L43.241

241 - 242

Handwritten letter from Kenneth to PB

Undated

Dear PB -

I had dinner with Donald Weiser last night.

(1) Were you satisfied with the appearance of the changes made in his printing of "Quest of the Overself"? I do not have a copy, but he has promised to send me one. (I sent you the one copy last year.)

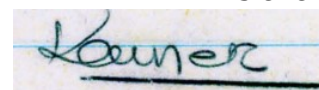
We discussed the possibility of resetting all the type in the book to achieve a uniformity. Please let me have your opinion.

(I have the additional lines you gave me in Oct.)

(2) He has reprinted "Dayspring of {Youth}" people ask about the author and he'd like to add a page on who the author (Bro. m) was, etc. My first reaction is that I doubt that Bro. M. would approve of this?

(3) We discussed doing a reprint of Fr. Molinos'<sup>150</sup> books. To encourage him I offered to subsidize (approx. \$1000) half the cost, as think it deserves doing.

As ever,



### L43.243

243 - 246

Handwritten incomplete letter from Kenneth to PB

2 April 1976

Further to my last letter dear PB --

I visited Donald Weiser's office last week and reviewed with him his reprinting plans for PB's books.

(1) Next reprint will be "Hidden Teaching."

while he is understandably reluctant to consider resetting the whole of the books (approx. cost \$1500 per title) her is willing to reset in part as he now has his own typesetting machine on the premises. We went over the corrections sent by Alan

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<sup>150</sup> "Molinos'" is circled with a note at bottom of the page reading:  
"why print 2500 copies when "only 500 {of} "Dayspring?"  
{illegible} paper {is} {clear}."

Berkowitz in Oct. 1974 and July 75.

(2) Basically...where there are only one or two letters to be corrected, his typesetter will "lift" those particular letters from a copy of the book and paste (strip) them in onto the copy to be photographed for offset lithograph printing. Thus we will thereby maintain uniformity of lettering style.

(3) He will make the desired changes on the book cover ("bestsellers" to "wellknown") per Alan's July 30, 1975 letter.

(4)<sup>151</sup> HIDDEN TEACHING: We will reset Chapter 1 "Beyond Yoga" which has your deletions. And we can add the desired 3 paragraphs on page 110 and reset remaining chapter pages because there is space on page 119 at end of chapter to absorb the extra length. Plus all other changes.

(5)<sup>152</sup> SECRET INDIA: will follow, and there are no problems. We can {effect} all the desired changes.

(6) Then INNER REALITY will be reprinted.<sup>153</sup>

"Inner Reality"<sup>154</sup> presents a problem because there are many word changes. Therefore it would not present a good appearance to reset the words only on the page; and to reset the entire book would cost \$1300.

So there is no problem in effecting all the changes on 'Hidden Teaching' and 'Secret India.'

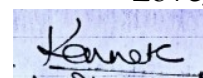
And on "Inner Reality" I will phone Donald when he returns from England next week, and see what we can work out.

NOW... would you wish to write a new (1 or 2 page) preface to these 1976 editions? If so, please send me the matter and Donald will be pleased to include them.

On MOLINOS I have agreed to share the cost of publishing 5000 copies paperback to sell at \$3.95. It will be \$1500 each. I think it deserves an audience and to see the light of day again. We would need sell 600 copies to recoup the manufacturing investment.

My health is holding up. Erna is back in Italy trying to collect her compensation.

Love,



The address labels have not arrived. I've written enquiring.

**L43.247**

247 - 248

Letter from Jacques to Kenneth  
J.V. Masson Co., Ltd.  
1201 Central Building,

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<sup>151</sup> A check mark is handwritten in margin next to this paragraph.

<sup>152</sup> A check mark is handwritten in margin next to this paragraph.

<sup>153</sup> "(PTO)" is written in the bottom right corner of page.

<sup>154</sup> Page 245

Hong Kong<sup>155</sup>  
April 15, 1976

Mr Kenneth T. Hurst  
President  
Prentice/Hall International  
Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey 07632  
USA

Dear Kenneth,

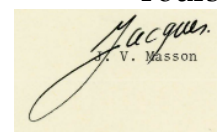
How nice to get your letter, and we were so pleased to hear that your health is improving.

I'm enclosing a few photographs of PB Unfortunately the really nice ones are in my flat in France, and I will send them to you when I get there.

Diana and I are looking forward enormously to seeing you later this year.

With our very best wishes.

Yours,

A rectangular stamp containing a handwritten signature in dark ink. The signature is cursive and appears to read 'J. V. Masson'. Below the signature, the name 'J. V. Masson' is printed in a small, sans-serif font.

J V Masson

LJ:bb

[CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR BEING MADE "PRESIDENT"]

## L43.249

249 - 252

Handwritten letter from PB to Kenneth  
26 April 76

Your news about Weiser reprints, dear Kenneth---

is welcome, and thank you for your efforts with him.

(1) I want to make the corrections, revisions, printer's errors etc. work as minimal as possible to keep down his expense and work. So let us cooperate well with him so that at least the most important necessary changes get done.

This is an unsuitable time for me to deal with such subject in detail as it comes when I am by no means out of the chaos caused by removing here from Montreux. Everything had to be redesigned and also I wanted to make large changes. But local officials, repairs, current living adaptations take up time and several things are not unpacked. I leave out the October 74 revisions the others are still unpacked and they are really the latest and best: they were done July 75.<sup>156</sup> So please take care to follow them rather than the earlier ones, done by Tony monks who removed all the changes I had got done and printed in the years subsequent to 1st editions pre & during war & postwar.

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<sup>155</sup> Address appears in the letterhead.

<sup>156</sup> "July 75" is circled by hand.

(2) I note you will be able to get the deletions in Hidden Teaching done (they are mine) pages 15, 16, 18, 25 & 26, as these I tried for long to get done. Please note also that where, as in page 15 both top and bottom, broken paras count as one each, e.g. "tribute" etc. line one, starts the first counted para,<sup>157</sup> while "Quite naturally" starts para #5 which must be carried thru and completed in the middle of next page, 16, and hence this carry-over counts as "para 1" in your list. You probably know all this but I don't want to take risks with the difference between US and British practices in technical matters<sup>158</sup>

(3) Secret India – OK – as the second reprint, and no problems

(4) "Inner Reality" – I agree it would not be desirable to reset entire book. So make whatever compromise is possible leaving in the minor changes and concentrating on important ones. If<sup>159</sup> D.W. can stretch his compromise to meet yours, so that both of you are satisfied, the reader gets a better book and I will then agree to write a preface to each of the books. But it will be no more than what you mention (1 or 2 page) because of the pressures on me. To speed matters I wrote the 'Hidden Teaching' one first so as to get the material in your hands. The other two prefaces will follow separately also, but in short succession

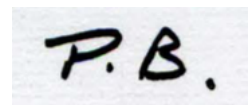
(5) I do not know that reprinting Molinos is desirable just now. Please wait until we can discuss the matter in person

(6) Your secretary has sent me the address labels for Holland: I do not need more. Those for Swiss address can be awaited; but if the work is not started, printer can omit the word "Avenue." What I wrote was "Au" meaning "at." But the clerk who gave it to me as part of the address went too far. I learnt later that in official records it is simply "Jordil-A." Anyway if already printed, no matter.

I must thank her for her letter about the white stocking. Ernie passed through here and took the measures which she will bring back and give her: there's no hurry. It should be larger than the sample you gave, or longer, 1/2 size perhaps, but then I have a high instep.

I am glad to hear your health is "holding up."

With Peace & Affection



Jordil-A  
CH 1807 Blonay (Vand)  
Switzerland

**L43.253**

253 - 254

Handwritten letter<sup>160</sup> to Donald from Kenneth<sup>161</sup>

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<sup>157</sup> There is a handwritten check mark in margin.

<sup>158</sup> KTH inserted "OK" by hand.

<sup>159</sup> Page 251

<sup>160</sup> The note may be related to L43.249.

<sup>161</sup> Author determined from handwriting.

Dear Donald –

I don't have the Rider editions (only Duttons) so cannot check.  
 PB's comment about "Hidden Teaching" attached.  
 Anyway perhaps we can discuss when you've caught up a bit?



**L43.255**

255 - 256  
 Booklist  
 Undated

[from Rider's 1958 catalog]<sup>162</sup>

The World's Best-Selling Books  
 on Yoga for the West  
 Paul Brunton, Ph.D.

'His work is excellent. It has life, colour, movement.' – The Times.

In order of publication:

A SEARCH IN SECRET INDIA

(New reprint in preparation) 21s.

THE SECRET PATH

9s. 6d.

A SEARCH IN SECRET EGYPT

(Revised edition in preparation) 30s.

A MESSAGE FROM ARUNACHALA

(New reprint in preparation) 10s. 6d.

A HERMIT IN THE HIMALAYAS

16s.

THE QUEST OF THE OVERSELF

17s. 6d.

THE INNER REALITY

21s.

THE HIDDEN TEACHING BEYOND YOGA

25s.

THE WISDOM OF THE OVERSELF

21s.

THE SPIRITUAL CRISIS OF MAN

18s.

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<sup>162</sup> KTH inserted "from Rider's 1958 catalog" by hand.

July 1 1976

Dear PB

Our editorial work on the three book new printings progresses slowly but surely!

Enclosed are the 3 sets of the July 1975 changes-as cut back by me. As agreed in your April 25 letter I have gone over them and checked them with the books, and deleted all except the important ones.

You can see where I have crossed out connections/changes - and I hope you agree with them. Now if there are any further changes on these sheets which I have crossed out, and which you wish restored, please let me know quickly.

I am meeting with Donald next Thursday July 8 to go over all these changes.

"India" has the most types stemming from Riders' ill-fated attempt to computer typeset so these we must try to correct.

Weiser was very pleased for your Preface to HTBY - and I'll give him this too.

On<sup>163</sup> all 3 books we'll make the changes to 'bestseller' on back cover, plus retirement notice inside.

I've tried to restrict changes to bare minimum. Weiser grumbled on the phone about the economy and bad business - So I took the hint! It would, of course be desirable to perfect all changes but I'm afraid we do have to compromise with him.

A publisher (like PH) would not normally {accede} to an author to request changes in further printings without charging him.

We discussed that there will be a slight difference in the degree of thinking where we have a change or a page because it entails making a new offset plate for that page. I feel this does not matter. It happens in many PH books. And I do not think the average reader even notices!

There will be no problem making your deletions in HTBY re the M - and I will see that this is done.

Smaller margins in Weiser's editions of "Quest of the Overself" results from difference in {standard} book paper sizes between UK and USA. {illegible} has slightly smaller page.

May<sup>164</sup> I come and visit you in Sept. after Frankfurt Book Fair for a week? I's arrive on Wed, Sept. 22 and leave on Friday Oct 1 for USA. If so, could you please reserve a {illegible} hotel room for me - and inform me of its address so I can notify my managers for mail and cables? Is {Blonay} above Vevey? If so, is out favorite "Trois Caronnes" a possibility? I'll look forward to hearing from you!

(9) Glad to hear about Arthur's companion. I recognised his writing!

(10) Erna keeps planning and making appts. and then cancelling them so I still haven't seen her! But Edmund returns this weekend so I look forward to learning from him how you are.

(11) Have had 4 colonic irrigations in past month! Quite easy and comfortable -

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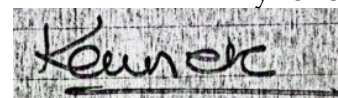
<sup>163</sup> Page 259

<sup>164</sup> Page 261

and a good cleansing,

(12) Am going on ship cruise to Bermuda July 10 - 17 with Dr Raymond Charles Barker and his group. (The Sunday Minister I listen to on radio - mentalism - Ernest Holmes group). Lectures every morning on board! I like his practical style. And the change should be very welcome.

All my love,



**L43.263**

263 - 264

Handwritten letter from PB to Kenneth

Paul Brunton

Jordil-A

CH 1807 Blonay sur Vevey

Switzerland

20 July 76

Your letter of 1 July, dear Kenneth...

...certainly you are welcome to come here Wed Sept 22 for which I have reserved a single room and bath at "Trois Couronnes" as you mentioned. However there is a problem for which an early answer from you is needed. There is only one hotel worth the name in this village; and another which is really a cafe restaurant and very common class with only 6 rooms. The first has few singles and no private baths for anyone, only public one but it is only 15 minutes' walk from the apartment. Trois Couronnes is 10 minutes' walk from Vevey Station, then a 20 minutes ride in the little coach-train, the 10 mins. walk from here. I would have preferred your customary Europe hotel, but Montreux, although equidistant has no direct accessibility. Problem is: Trois Couronnes are bought by Montreux's luxury hotel the Palace and the prices have been raised. Room with bath and balcony = 90 francs! (85 without balcony): local hotel the "de {Baliyse}" charges 30 franc. Trois Couronnes manager is holding the room for you until we receive your decision. So please inform me. Oh! Trains to Vevey run about every 1 1/2 hours (no bus) Also if you wish to stay at the {Bahyse} you could have a private bath here in the apartment I believe there is no phone in the rooms there but they would call you down. Blonay is 9 Kilometers from Vevey by road auto, up the mountain {650} metres.

Yes Raymond Barker is good teacher - I once attended a service of his and as he shook hands with all newcomers I also went through the ritual... I wonder what the cruise and Bermuda were like?

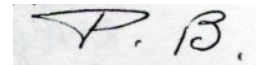
I agree with the corrections/changes you crossed out for I am sure you did the best possible under present circumstances. The difficulties of making all the revisions I'd really like in all English and Foreign language editions, are too great and I see the only real remedy is to write and publish a new book with up-to-date views. That I must do and hope to.

You<sup>165</sup> say that India had most typo errors due to computer but I understood Riders immediately set this right in the next edition, so did not this pass on automatically to Weiser? It was some years ago. I have not forgotten the preface for India "book, not the inner Reality later Bro M. If you have managed to get Weiser to compromise on the changes it will be quite a feat since as you say publishers nowadays charge the author. I congratulate you.

The difference in degree of {inking} does not matter.

Thank you, dear Kenneth, for taking this {illegible} load of work on yourself when you really ought to reduce activities in view recent illness. It will have to be discussed when you come here

With Peace and Affection



P.S. Erna does not seem to have done anything about the hospital stockings. She insisted against my will on taking the details herself and attending to them with you. So I enclose them now. Many thanks. She took away Jean's measuring strip but I have managed with string and a metal ruler:

P.P.S. Thanks for the Stephenson, Buckland and Bornstein books. Homeopathy is good, but slow and incomplete. Flower and Plant Essences are {allied} but quicker and stronger.

I had an unfortunate experience with Dr Stephenson (on Tony's introduction). Recommend you avoid him personally, although his book is another matter.

P.P.P.S! Have lost a page from my address book. Next writing please send your business addresses, cable, phone, {telex} for Eng {Cliff} and U.K.

**L43.265**

265 - 266

Handwritten letter from Kenneth to PB

July 22, 1976

Dear PB-

Donald came up with a good idea to avoid the cost of the many computerized typesetting errors in SECRET INDIA- by reprinting instead from Dutton's editions. Fortunately I had a copy at home. So we're going ahead on that basis.

If you feel like, and have time to, write prefaces for India and Inner Reality and WOTO - those are the next volumes.

I greatly enjoyed my reunion cruise last week with Dr Barker's group - and will tell you all about it when we meet.

Edmund is back. He says Vevey is better to stay as has train to Blonay vs. taxi from Montreux? May I visit you Sept 22 - 30?

I've not heard further from Erna. Nor the Covells.

All my love,

L43.267

267 - 270

Handwritten letter from PB to Kenneth  
Paul Brunton,  
Jordil-A  
CH 1807 Blonay sur Vevey  
Switzerland<sup>166</sup>  
27 July 76

Yours 22nd crossed mine of about the same date, dear Kenneth...

Yes, Donald Weiser's use of Dutton ed for Secret Ind. is improvement

(1) There is one line in the photocopy you sent me, added by you which needs changing. It's at the beginning "Note By Author" You've inserted at end "Meher Baba ---of Madras." Please change it to two lines thus

Meher Baba, the {illegible} Messiah

The Silent Sage Yogi of Madras

(2) For the insert at the bottom of page 312 add to last line:

For the philosophic enlightenment see "The Hidden Teaching Beyond Yoga" and "The Wisdom of the Overself".

(Please be so kind as to have Jean carbon copy 6 or 7 slips of these changes, to send to British and Foreign publishers/translators, whenever it is convenient: plenty of time. Owing to the weak muscle in my forefinger causing soreness when I type, I hardly ever use the machine now, almost never.

Also if Weiser is keen on saving work and money, he can omit the change, repeated 4 times, from Kavirj to Kaviraj. It is quite trivial. But the fifth repetition should be retained, as it is a more serious error Lavarj to Kaviraj.

Yes<sup>167</sup> Edmund is right: Vevey is more convenient to stay than Montreux, However I explained the local Blonay situation compared with Vevey, and left it for you to decide (in my previous letter). Edmund spent 3 or 4 hours in my apartment and admired it and the scenery around. His atmosphere has improved, a clearing-up of the undesirable {illegible} condition is noticeable, and he is sighting a higher goal.

So I expect you 22 September. Your plane is due 13.15. There are 3 trains at Geneva, open to your choice. 14.08 14.40 15.14

arrive Vevey 15.06 15.50 16.14<sup>168</sup>

Let me know which TRAIN<sup>169</sup> is selected and I shall meet it at Vevey and bring you to Blonay. Also tell me if the raw salad lunch, should be prepared for you also; so then it will be ready (when we arrive at the apartment) in the fridge. Also let me know whether I should make a reservation in a Blonay or Vevey hotel (There are of course

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<sup>166</sup> Address appears in the letterhead.

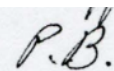
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<sup>168</sup> 14.40 and 15.50 are circled. And 15.14 and 16.14 are circled.

<sup>169</sup> PB inserted "TRAIN" by hand.

quite a number in Vevey, in addition to our own tea time haunt, the Trois Couronnes!)  
I shall be away 5th to 12/14 August from Blonay.

With Peace and Affection



PS I suppose your cruise & the church visits gave you a sense of belonging, something family-like. I suppose also you miss Mother's weekly letters. But with her mind fixed so strongly on you, and Len, you may have felt her presence at times.

**L43.271**

271 - 272

Handwritten letter from Kenneth to PB  
August 12 1976

Dear PB

Many thanks for your July 27 letter.

(1) I've sent revised India changes to Weiser. And enclosed are the 7 copies you requested. So that's OK.

(2) Next is WOTO. I secured good clean copy of Dutton edition from Alan Berkowitz.

(3) I wrote you July 29 that the local Blonay hotel would be fine. Thank you for making this reservation Sept 22, leaving Sept 30.

(4) To allow for possible delays, I'll try to make the {1440} train - but I'll phone you as usual from the station to confirm.

(5) Thank you for the raw salad lunch offer, which I accept with pleasure, even though it will be late!

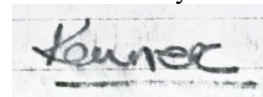
(6) I saw Edmund Sunday. He seems in good spirits. Covells have secured nice apartment in San Francisco and are settling in.

(7) Yes, Barker developments are interesting - and unfolding. I'll discuss when we meet! It's quite short path.

(8) My health has improved steadily

(9) Jean is leaving tomorrow but will get the stockings and will bring to me and I'll send them. You can then let me know in Sept. how they suit.

With my love,



**L43.273**

273 - 276

Letter from PB to Kenneth  
Jordil-A  
CH 1807 Blonay sur, Vevey

Switzerland<sup>170</sup>

14 Sept 76

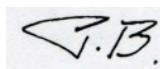
The Hotel de Bahyse, Blonay, (no street names exist in this half medieval village)  
Tel (021) 5 31322 awaits your visit 22nd Sept.

PB will meet your train 15.50 at D. V. Vevey station. There is no bus service inside Blonay<sup>171</sup> so a taxi will be needed for your baggage. I usually in that case board the taxi at Vevey station, as there is only one in Blonay and he may or may not be available, while reservation ahead has been uncertain in the past in its results.

We can discuss it at Vevey anyway. The train from Vevey (another track) leaves for Blonay 15.54 and 16.25.

So,<sup>172</sup> dear Kenneth I shall be pleased to welcome you to this changeable Alpine climate, perhaps with sunshine: if not then with mountain and lakeshore beauty

Peace and Affection



**L43.277**

277 - 278

Handwritten letter from PB to Kenneth

22 Oct 76

You may remember my friend Mr Andre, dear Kenneth...

well recently he arranged some writings for me to do and I thought the work was settled. However he now says I am five thousand words too short and asks for them to be supplied. As I have enough of my own work just these month (revisions corrections etc for the material to be printed soon) I did not know what to do. {Became} the datelines on the three books. What is the best way out you can suggest? It would be helpful if you could advise.

On other matters all goes well. Tony, his wife and 2 children have been here this week but leave this weekend. Jacques is seeing his relatives in Geneva and is coming over for a talk. And as promised I leave in a week's time to meet Reverend Gayatri Devi{s} for a day. I am considering the idea of visiting Dr Steiner's Goetheanum near Bale as I shall be going to Berne away (I have a publisher there now, Scheng Verlag, do you know of them?) and as you know I admire Dr S. although unable to accept his ideas about some matters, especially Oriental Philosophy, and his art, architecture, etc {illegible} very outstanding, but seems to lack beauty. Anyway I expect I'll spend an hour or two there, if only out of memory for Len.

Rider's have a new Manager now, Robinson has left to join Jonathan {Cake}. There seems better hopes for the revisions his name is Kevin McDermott. He wants to see them all before answering but has promised the leaflets.

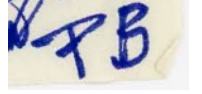
With Peace and affection

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<sup>170</sup> Address appears in the letterhead.

<sup>171</sup> PB inserted "inside Blonay" by hand.

<sup>172</sup> Page 275



### L43.279

279 - 280

Handwritten letter from {PB}<sup>173</sup> to Kenneth  
Blonay  
23 March

Arriving New York April 30 Queen Elisabeth II economy class, from Cherbourg ....  
dear Kenneth.

Perhaps you<sup>174</sup> can accommodate me please?

Have you copy of the final revisions on each Wiser book which I could consult  
and discuss with you? It is not needed here, but in the US after my arrival.

Am giving up Blonay residence 31 of March. From 1st April<sup>175</sup> until 8th

April I am at Pension "Sila Givot"

1801 Les Monds-de-Corsier, Vaud.

Tel. (021) 511077 Switzerland

Will leave in the morning of 8th April, next address is undecided. Shall inform<sup>176</sup>  
or you can use after 8th<sup>177</sup> c/o Glass, c/o Poststrasse 12, 8713, VERIKON, who will  
forward.

Thank Jean for stocking: it is much softer than old sample. But I'd like to make  
final experiment: to try one size larger

With all peace and affection

### L43.281

281 - 282

Envelope from {PB}<sup>178</sup> to Kenneth Hurst  
Undated

P.S. Address c/o Poste Restante, {Fraumunster}, Zurich until 23 April, then  
leaving for Cherbourg and ship

H.<sup>179</sup>{OM}<sup>180</sup> PB

This envelope alas perhaps needs apology

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<sup>173</sup> Author determined from handwriting. Written by two hands.

<sup>174</sup> PB inserted "you" by hand.

<sup>175</sup> PB inserted "April" by hand.

<sup>176</sup> Page 280

<sup>177</sup> PB inserted "after 8th" by hand.

<sup>178</sup> Author determined from handwriting.

<sup>179</sup> Page 282

<sup>180</sup> This appears as the Sanskrit character Om.

K.H. for I was discussing the Master K.H. this week, then H. PB then- but must stop:

### L43.283a

283  
Incomplete letter from PB  
Undated

He was another karma victim of that tragic family which pursued Mother's parents and other brother and sister-in-law, but her own marriage compensated so far as it can. I shall commend him to the higher power in my meditation.

I agree with your advice to B. Green. She is not ready for philosophy and would be happier with some swami but although she should certainly try Gayatri Devi first she may want to move on later to another Indian or asram.

I have your travel schedule and will try to give you a different kind of holiday here: If you phoned me from Geneva station I would meet your train in Montreux. The current timetables are valid only until 2 days before you arrive, so it would be safer to do that. Also there is actually no street yet named Chemin de Baallalaz, so if we missed tell the taxidriver:

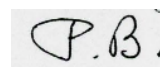
NOUVEAU BATIMENT DERRIERE LE COLLEGE  
ENTRE RUE DE LA GARE A ET RUE DU PONT.

My apartment is on the first floor but remember here there are two floors below it: first REZ DE CHAUSSEE, and then the lowest SOUS SOL. The latter contains the garage, whose entry doorway is on the left as car approaches. Tell driver to go in and drive up to the ASCENSEUR (lift) But I hope we can meet so I can help you off the train. [However I hope to hear from you before then.]

Please add "CH" before the code number '1820' Montreux on your envelope addresses.

[I have transferred from Bank Leu and from Zurich Bank Corporation Swiss, so my assets are concentrated in Montreux Swiss Bank Corp.

In the Still, (as Samuel Lohr used to say)]



TEL (021)62-16-46

### L43.283b

283 - 284  
Handwritten letter from PB to Kenneth  
Berne  
14 April 77

Your answer as of 28 March dear Kenneth...

welcome. Looking forward to meeting you again in the 30th at the {illegible} {illegible} {o'clock} or whenever we foreign arrivals are set free from the {Pass,}

{Sustoms} and Immigration {illegible}.

Thank you for offering to prepare comfortable place the {illegible} is featherless pillow and bed mattress: I'm allergic to them.

I have ended {tenure} of the Blonay apartment and am now homeless! A pleasantly free feeling but {illegible} when I start attending {restaurants}, it turns into a dismal orb so I shall have to get another home later {on} {illegible} and young again!

Eva Glass is coming too, to collect her daughter from Tony's and EllaMay's care or to decide whether she is to stay and try to get into Cornell. I find two {voyages} {listed} in the west on {Queen} {illegible} {1st} and {illegible} {illegible} {illegible} {illegible}.

If {illegible} remembers or recognises me it will be an extra pleasure.

Sorry for paper and {illegible}: cause-train movement and pressure for {weeks}

-work etc

## L43.285

285 - 290

Handwritten letter from Kenneth to PB

June 23, 1977

Dear PB Re FOREIGN EDITIONS

Separately, via printed matter rate, I am mailing you today the editorial changes for the foreign editions, as discussed on phone two days ago. These changes are listed attached.

Please note that the typographical errors in the English-language editions (Whether Weiser or Rider) would not apply.

Therefore we are talking only about editorial changes.

I have kept these to the minimum listings given Weiser. (Actually I only seem to have longer listings for titles, Hermit and Inner Reality and<sup>181</sup> Wisdom). If you wish to consider asking the foreign publisher to make a longer list (it depends on your knowledge of them). Allan Berkowitz should still have those original lists which included more editorial changes.

I seem to have no file on Quest. Weiser reissued it in 1975. Does Allan have a copy of the changes made at that time?

1.<sup>182</sup> 6 PB's foreign publishers re making minimum changes in text

Offer list of changes

Bauer

Send Final changes {of} Weiser's to PB neatly written out

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<sup>181</sup> Page 286

<sup>182</sup> Page 287

1-6 copies of each titles changes

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3. They used Rider edition

French

Spanish

Covell

Portuguese

German

Italian

Luisa (Bianca)

Hindi

(KH)

PB:<sup>183</sup> changes for foreign editions

TITLE

SCOM - only typos-not editorial changes?

INDIA - OK - 6 copies {herewith}

EGYPT{ 6 " " But do foreign editions carry the same photographs? (If so we'll have to make changes also

INNER BEAUTY (Discover Yourself) - OK - 6 copies {herewith}

HERMIT - OK- 6 copies {herewith}

WOTO - OK - 6 copies {herewith}

HTBY - OK 6 copies {herewith} (of editorial changes. Verses typo changes only)

PLUS 6 copies of new Preface

## L43.291

291 - 292

Handwritten letter from PB to Kenneth  
Columbus  
29 July

I write to tell you Dear Kenneth--

that I left Bert Salmir's house for Columbus about 10 days ago.

It seems 166 interviews were given there before leaving, some to people who live elsewhere, some to non-students of the Centre who picked up the grapevine news. Anyway it went well. I have been doing the same thing here and when finished, shall fly to the West Coast on Wed, 3rd August. My first address will be c/o. Jerry Warren, P.O. Box 826 PAUMA VALLEY, Calif. ZIP 92061 Tel: (714) 728 8063. He would forward mail. Until I get there I cannot decide whether I shall remain 4 days or longer. After that I would move up north 50/60 miles: (Pauma is about 40 miles from San Diego).

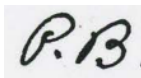
The Kerchiefs were received, thank you.

Now I have bought the flying tickets- TWA to LA. 707 let Los Angeles to Newark New Jersey. Some days with you (if I may) Then August 31st TWA by 707 jet to Geneva

arriving 1st September.

The RAP Sessions Program was excellent.

With Peace and Affection



P.S. I deliberately chose Newark. Is it OK for you? I thought it would be better than Kennedy for both of us, perhaps. Could change flight if you wish.<sup>184</sup>

P.P.S.<sup>185</sup> I shall probably send you another carton about the time I leave here so that it would probably reach you about August. Please keep it with the other two which Gillian brought you. When I arrive I'll try to reduce weight and if possible combine the 3 in 2 cartons by the changes and deletions.

A question: instead of taking them 2 {carton} from Gillian. Passengers Excess Baggage to Geneva is there a cheaper way to send them by sea and cargo steamer to Rotterdam, thence by land to Suisse? They are not wanted soon. I could wait. How do Prentice Hall send their book cartons to their British branch?

**L43.293**

293 - 294

Handwritten letter from Kenneth to PB

Prentice/Hall International

Englewood Cliffs New Jersey, 07632 USA<sup>186</sup>

31 October 1977

I carry happy memories, dear PB –

of my visit to Montreux a fortnight ago. A warm afterglow lingers.

Thank you for everything.

= I omitted to ascertain which broth powders you'd like shipped you. I presume "No-Sodium" but if there are any special brand names, just let me know. Meanwhile I'll look in the health stores.

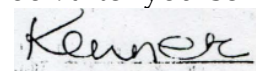
= Everything is well back here at the office, and I have fallen back into routine again. Riley was glad to see me.

= I hope your plans to visit on the French Riviera go well.

= The Eric Pace group was glad to see me back, and said they had missed me!

= I am sending The Secret Path to my cousin Karen in London. They now stock it in the Pace book table for sale. I see Duttons have raised the price to \$1.75.

With all my love, Please look after yourself.



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<sup>184</sup> "over" is written at the bottom of page.

<sup>185</sup> Page 292

<sup>186</sup> Address appears in the letterhead.

L43.295

295 - 298

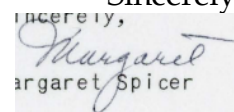
Letter from Margaret Spicer to Kenneth  
Mrs Edward H. Spicer  
3700 Dean Drive, Apt. 1006  
Ventura, California 93003  
December 15, 1977<sup>187</sup>

Dear<sup>188</sup> Kenneth:

The attached articles entitled "Christian Mysticism - Its Practical Value in Modern Life" is one that was written by Ted some years ago. I had forgotten about it, but thought you might find it interesting and so made a copy.

Also I cannot help but feel that it might be helpful to others and wonder whether it would be worthwhile approaching a publisher with it. Since you are in the publishing business, you can perhaps advise me.

Sincerely,

A rectangular stamp containing a handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Margaret Spicer". The word "Sincerely," is printed in a small font above the signature.

Margaret Spicer

L43.299

299 - 333

Writing by Edward H. Spicer  
Undated

#### CHRISTIAN MYSTICISM

##### Its Practical Value in Modern Life

Christian mysticism is so vast a subject that any consideration of it which is intended to be as practical as possible, must commence with certain limitation. Perhaps it would be an acceptable limitation, for our present purposes, if the scope of our investigation and observations were limited to a consideration of certain aspects of the lives of a group of Mystics concerning whom there are authentic records. The compilation of such a list, if it is to be brief, is not easy, even {if} only because so many revered names clamour for inclusion. It is emphasized, therefore, that the following have been chosen only because they are truly representative.

Saint Anthony (born about 251)

Saint Marcarius the Great (born about 300)

Saint Augustine (born about 354)

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux (born about 1100)

Saint Francis of Assisi (born about 1182)

Saint Catherine of Siena (born about 1347)

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<sup>187</sup> "Stall" handwritten at top right corner of page.

<sup>188</sup> Page 297

Saint Ignatius of Loyola (born about 1480)

Saint Therese (born about 1515)

Saint Thomas Aquinas

It may be said that three conditions emerge as the basis of the attainments of these inspired people: aspiration, devotion, meditation. Fired with a Divine aspiration, they determined no longer to be slaves of the senses, but to rise to a plane of consciousness where they could participate directly in the life of the Spirit and attain to a knowledge of<sup>189</sup> Reality. The procedure through which they all passed, in a variety of ways, has been summarized by Evelyn Underhill in the following words: “(1) The primary break with the sense world. (2) The new birth and development of the spiritual consciousness on high levels. (3) That ever closer and deeper dependence on and appropriation of the fullness of the Divine Life; a conscious participation and active union with the infinite and eternal.” Underhill goes on to remark: “These three imperatives, as we shall see later, form an exact description of the psychological process through which the mystics pass. If then this transcendence is the highest destiny of the race, mysticism becomes the crown of man’s ascent toward Reality; the orderly contemplation of the universal plan”.

These “three imperatives” describe with a good deal of accuracy the orderly process of evolution or unfolding, characteristic of the experience of most great Mystics. Exceptions there are, of course, as in the case of St. Paul, who experienced insight in a blinding flash on the road to Damascus. Generally speaking, there were long years of aspiration, devotion and silent meditation, interspersed with various and growing evidences of the “descent of Grace” - In other words, the spiritual growth of the Mystics was not a miracle. It was no adventitious thing, but the natural and inevitable result of an orderly process, pursued with an unselfish, concentrated and one-pointed devotion. This is important to remember for, if the conditions are fulfilled, what has been achieved once can, with the Grace of God, be achieved again.

What then was it that the Mystics experienced, which so transformed their lives and made them of such outstanding help to the world? It is generally agreed that when it comes to reporting a mystical experience; when it comes to an endeavour to express in words that which there are no<sup>190</sup> words to express; accounts must vary according to the background, the tradition and the life of the individual. Despite this, there are many points of similarity in the reports of all the Saints. Perhaps the experience has been most beautifully summarized by Plotinus, who exclaims: “We said then: If the tumult of the flesh were hushed; hushed the sense impressions of earth, sea, sky; hushed also the heavens, yes the very soul be hushed to herself, and by not thinking on self transcend self; hushed all dreams and revelations which come by imagery; if every tongue and every symbol, and all things subject to transiency were wholly hushed: since, if any could hear, all these say: ‘We made not ourselves, but He made us, Who abideth forever.’ --If then, having uttered this, they too should be hushed, having raised only our (inward) ears to Him who made them; and He alone speak, not by them but by Himself, so that we may hear His word, not through any tongue of flesh nor angel’s voice nor sound of thunder, nor in any similitude, but His voice whom we love in these

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His creatures -- may hear His very self without any intermediary at all --as now we reached forth and with one flash of thought touched the Eternal Wisdom that abides over all -- suppose that experience were prolonged, and all other visions of far inferior order were taken away, and this one vision were to ravish the beholder, and absorb him and plunge him in these inward joys, so that eternal life were life that moment of insight-were not this: 'Enter into the joy of thy Lord.'"

St. Augustine, in his "Confessions" sums it up in one very short sentence: "Thus in the flash of one trembling glance my soul arrived at That Which Eternally Is."

Eastern<sup>191</sup> Mystics have described the experience as "The Union with the One". Sircar, in his revealing book "Hindu Mysticism", observes: "Spirituality is high knowledge and not only fine feeling. In the last stage it dispenses with all relativities of ethics, knowledge and experience. It gives us the blessed freedom in the transcendent.

Knowledge is here intuitive, delight supernal, and life free from subconscious, conscious, and superconscious ways. It is not the freedom associated with the silence of our being. This silence is the accomplished fact. It is not the silence of the urges. It is not even the silence of sleep. The former is artificial, and the latter is natural. But this freedom is neither artificial nor natural. It is the silence permanently residing in the heart of being." And again: "And the experience of a perfect order in which the parts are interlocked in the harmony of the whole has been the inspiration of the Saints. It is an order which is a living poem. Everything is divine. 'The universe is a gigantic crystal, all whose atoms and laminae lie in uninterrupted order and with unbroken unity.' This unity is represented in different ways. Some make it a center of love, some of life. The life of spirit feels the perfect unison, freedom, harmony, and perfect peace."

Sheldon Cheney in his beautiful book "Men Who Have Walked With God", has this to add: "It is in the Phaedrus, a dialogue of the middle period, that Plato paints one of his few pictures of the abode of the immortals--of Heaven or Paradise. 'Of the Heaven which is above the heavens, what earthly poet has ever sung or yet will sing worthily?... There abides the ultimate Being, with which truth is concerned; the Essence, formless, intangible, colorless, visible only to Intelligence, the pilot of the soul.' Of the manner of the individual soul's seeing in that Heaven, he adds:

'The<sup>192</sup> intelligence of each soul capable of receiving the soul's inheritance is enraptured at beholding the Absolute, is fulfilled and rejoices... She sees justice and temperance and absolute knowledge, not as these things are seen in the generative, world, relatively, but with comprehension of their essential nature, in absolute existence. With that clairvoyant eye, she sees the truth of being, and glories at the sight, and so passes to the gods..."

Whatever words may have been used in an attempt to describe the experience of the supreme realization, it is abundantly evident from the lives of these Saints that the experience was one which transformed their lives, so that they became the obvious possessors of Divine wisdom and supreme peace, capable of holy achievement. Again, in the words of Evelyn Underhill: "Mysticism, then, offers us the history, as old as civilization, of a race of adventurers who have carried to its term the process of a deliberate and active return to the divine fount of things. They have surrendered

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themselves to the life-movement of the universe, hence have lived with an intenser life than other men can ever know; have transcended the 'sense-world' in order to live on high levels the spiritual life. Therefore they witness to all that our latent spiritual consciousness, which shows itself in the 'hunger for the Absolute', can be made to mean to us if we develop it; and have in this respect a unique importance for the race. It is the mystics, too, who have perfected that method of intuition, that knowledge by union, the existence of which philosophy<sup>193</sup> has been driven to acknowledge. But where the metaphysician obtains at best a sidelong glance at that Being 'unchanging yet elusive', whom he has so often defined but never discovered, the artist a brief and dazzling vision of the Beauty which is Truth, they gaze with confidence into the very eyes of the Beloved."

From the eastern standpoint, Sircar's description differs little from that of Underhill. He says: "The greatest attraction of spiritual life lies in its promise. Spiritual life embraces and yet transcends moral and aesthetic life; it exhibits life in its fullness. Moral enthusiasm and aestheticism are of the fine fabric of our being, but spiritual experience has in it something which is unique, and which is its own. Holiness and aesthetic joyousness are invaluable possessions that should find place in spiritual life, but to identify such life with them is to miss its significance. Spiritual life has in it something which is not probed by fine aesthetic feeling or dignified moral virility. Spiritual life presupposes all these, since it is the fullest unfolding of life; and, where it has its finest expressions, there the chords of life sound in finest harmony. It touches the very core of our being and therefore transcends all else. Its essence lies in numinous experience. It is neither intellectual nor emotional. It includes these qualities, but it transcends them. The discovery of this 'something' is the unique privilege of mysticism."

Saint Teresa, in her Autobiography, has summed up some of the practical advantages of the mystic experience in words which may be left to speak for all the Saints: "Often, infirm and wrought upon with dreadful pains before the ecstasy, the soul emerges from it full of health and admirably disposed for action...as if God had willed that the body itself,<sup>194</sup> already obedient to the soul's desires, should share in the soul's happiness... The soul after such a favour is animated with a degree of courage so great that if at that moment its body should be torn to pieces for the cause of God, it would feel nothing but the liveliest comfort. Then it is that promises and heroic resolutions soaring up in profusion in us, soaring desires, horror of the world and the clear perception of our proper nothingness... What empire is comparable to that of a soul who, from this sublime summit to which God has raised her, sees all the things of earth beneath her feet, and is captivated by no one of them? How ashamed she is of her former attachments! How amazed at her blindness! What lively pity she feels for those whom she recognizes still shrouded in the darkness!... She groans at having ever been sensitive to points of honor, at the illusion that made her ever see as honor what the world calls by that name. Now she sees in this name nothing more than an immense lie of which the world remains the victim. She discovers, in the new light from above, that in genuine honor there is nothing spurious, that to be faithful to this honor is to give our

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respect to what deserves to be respected really, and to consider as nothing, or as less than nothing whatsoever perishes and is not agreeable to God."

In his moving book, "The Saints that Moved the World", Rene Fulor-Miller has this to say: "The saints believed in Christ in whom the kingdom which was 'not of this world', did become a reality in this world. Christ, whom the saints strove to imitate, undertook His divine mission on earth in the guise of a man among men; He suffered and died under the laws of this world, and still, in Him the ethical demands, the love and the beauty of the divine principle attained earthly fulfilment. It was this that encouraged the saints, who began their lives as average men and women,<sup>195</sup> to follow Christ; that convinced them that they would be able to reach Him if they took care in all their wanderings never to lose sight of His footprints. What raised them to the status of sainthood, was the fact that they succeeded in extricating themselves from their lovely beginnings and worldly entanglements, in mastering their innate weakness to attain the ultimate heights of human existence. It is this endeavour on the part of the saints that constitutes the great message which the lives they lived and the examples they set will continue to have for all times."

#### APPLICATION TO MODERN LIFE

Are the lives of these Christian Mystics merely something which we can admire? Are they merely evidences of achievement which was possible in an age which is gone, but which we are doomed to regard with a frustrated hopelessness? Or are they examples of a life and an experience which can be duplicated in this twentieth century by anyone who is willing to fulfill the conditions and obligations? We listen with ecstasy, and perhaps with some envy, to the music of a master violinist or pianist, and ignore the daily hours of faithful, devoted practice, often from childhood, which it has taken to produce the virtuoso. In a world which is ridden with fear and hate, are there not untold numbers who would emerge from their miasma, at no matter what cost, if only someone would point the way? In a world faced with the probability of new wars which would involve the possible extermination of the human race, we set up new organizations and new conferences, in the futile hope that machinery alone can produce the much longed for peace. Is it not a truism that peace must begin in the heart of the individual person, before it can be multiplied into<sup>196</sup> a world expression? Surely, then, the time is ripe to encourage and foster the exploration of the mystic way. Christ adjured us: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God" and then went on explicitly to advise us: "The Kingdom of heaven is within you". "It is within, not without, that a portal opens upon God's presence."

Bede Frost in his book "Saint John of the Cross", includes the following: "The soul in its early seeking after God usually falls into the error of Augustine, 'I found Thee not, O Lord, without, because I erred in seeking Thee without that wert within.' For 'the Word, the Son of God, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, is hidden, in essence and presence in the inmost being of the soul; so that the souls that would find Him must go forth by the detachment of its affection and will from all things, entering within itself in fullest recollection, so that all things are as nothing to it...It is a great contentment for the soul to understand that God never fails it, even though it be in

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mortal sin, and much less when it is in a state of grace... There desire Him, there adore Him, and go not about seeking Him outside thyself, for so shalt thou be wearied and distracted... Yet one thing is to be remembered, that, although He be with thee, He is hidden. But it is a great thing to know the place where He is hidden in order to seek Him there with certainty.'” Or, in Sircar’s words: “The fulness of life dawns suddenly upon receptive souls. It can come to him alone who has the proper attitude; and this attitude is nothing but a silent watch of the soul. Constant watchfulness helps the soul to be receptive to the finest expression of life. This watchful silence unties the knots of our psychic being, and makes it responsive to the soul. It also makes it responsive to the currents of life, revealing its divine orientation. The seeker is reborn. This is the great claim of mysticism.”

Let<sup>197</sup> us assume that Christ meant what He said. Would He have adjured his listeners to seek that Kingdom of God which was within them if it had been something impossible for them to attain? The very fact of the injunction to “seek” has implicit within it the assurance that if we do seek, we can most certainly find. Then, one may say, it becomes a question of procedure. We go back to the primary requisites which we found to be present in the experience of the Saints; aspiration, devotion, meditation, and we can adopt the procedure to which reference already has been made, outlined by Evelyn Underhill:

1. The primary break with the sense world
2. The new birth and development of the spiritual consciousness on high levels.
3. The ever closer and deeper dependence on an appropriation of the fullness of the Divine Life; a conscious participation and active union with the infinite and eternal.”

For practical purposes, the many human beings who are conscious of a profound urge at the present time toward something “better”, can be divided into two main groups:

- a. Those who consider themselves to be “practicing Christians” because of their affiliation with some organized Church, and to whom the idea of aspiration linked with devotion would therefore be an acceptable one.
- b. Those who consider that Christianity has failed and that it is useless to take any part in “useless” traditional devotional practices.

Properly<sup>198</sup> and intelligently presented, there is no reason why the Mystic Way should not eventually appeal equally to both groups, but the initial approach in Group b. obviously would have to be modified to meet their present mental and emotional outlook. The key to the whole problem is the third condition, meditation.

It would not be an exaggeration to say that there is no subject about which there are greater misunderstandings and misconceptions than this question of the practice of Meditation. For that reason, it may be worth while to devote a little attention to an examination of what meditation really is. When it is described in Evelyn Underhill’s phrase: “The primary break with the sense world”, one of the first objectives is outlined without giving any idea as to the method by which such a “break” is to be achieved. A little analysis of the processes of our every day lives will lead to the discovery that most,

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if not all, of our waking time is devoted to “paying attention”. To what is it that we pay attention? Obviously, to the reports of our five senses. We hear, see, taste, touch and smell. These daily experiences, brought to the brain through the medium of the senses, make up the warp and the woof of our lives. It is a common experience that if we happen to be intensely concentrated on one single thing, such as the reading of a book, someone can speak to us and we do not hear. In other words, we are not “paying attention” to reports from our sense of hearing. Who has not become so immersed in some especially intriguing occupation that all sense of time is lost, and such things as ringing telephones are not heard; something burning is not smelled, and so on? We apprehend at any given moment of time that to which we are paying attention--and nothing else.

This<sup>199</sup> leads to one obvious, but very important, conclusion, namely, that our minds are capable of selectively paying attention to the reports of any given sense, or senses, to the exclusion of the others. When the mind is intently engaged on paying attention to one single subject, or thing, we say we are concentrating.

Primarily, then, at the outset, meditation is nothing more mysterious than the further development of the ability of the mind to pay attention solely to that particular object, or thought, which is picked for attention and to exclude from attention all other reports of the five senses. So long as the object chosen for exclusive attention is a “sense” object, we are not achieving “The primary break with the sense world”. At the outset, however, it is sufficiently good and necessary training to develop the ability to pay attention to one single object, or thought. At first, it will seem hopelessly impossible, because our minds customarily receive from minute to minute such a host of impressions that it is accustomed to paying attention in a great many directions at the same time. Gradually to train it to pay attention in one single directed spot is, therefore, not easy. Neither is it easy to learn to play a piano without arduous hours, weeks and months of practice. Surely the end is worth the effort.

Brunton describes the process with authority in his work “The Quest of the Overself”, as follows: “Concentration consists in stopping this ever-changing habitual wandering of the intellect, and in keeping it steadily directed to a single line of travel, by entering deeply into a special thought. To achieve this it is necessary to ignore the impressions and physical sensations which are thrown into one from environment, to hush the noise of worldly life into mental silence, to keep out the swarm<sup>200</sup> of intruding ad extraneous thoughts by practising conscious control of the mind during the half-hour or so of meditation. In short, whilst thoroughly thinking about the chosen subject, there must be a willed resistance to the impacts of perception which come from without and to the uprisings of alien thoughts which come from within. One cannot immediately destroy them or blot them out, but one can set up an unfaltering purpose, an ideal of remaining unmoved by them like a rock over which the waves of the sea dash in vain, unable to dislodge it from its firm foundation. During the first half of one’s practice one will feel an almost uncontrollable urge to leave it, to get up and be busy with something else. The mind will complain bitterly about being turned away from its wonted tracks, about the tyranny of being turned unnaturally inwards, while

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itself glad to submit to the far greater tyranny of being externalized throughout the day. The restlessness of the mind is the general discovery is confirmed by every early effort and leads at first to some disheartenment. The first fumbling efforts leave a sense of failure and fatigue. One understands then that only a small fraction of one's thoughts is one's own, the rest being but an undisciplined, rebellious mob. If one yields to these negative feelings, one is headed for failure. If, however, one accepts the fact that the task undertaken is a serious and difficult one, but still perfectly possible worth while, bravely attempting to carry on with the exercise without slacking, there will one day be a reward, when a delightful lull in the tumult of the mind will arise and its outward-turned bent will be broken through.

"Hitherto one has unresistingly obeyed this constant motion of the mind and yielded to it; the moment one begins to still its habitual turmoil there is quite naturally much resistance. This is to be expected. One<sup>201</sup> ought to accept, therefore, the fact of its inevitability and instead of giving up the practice, because it seems uninspired and barren, persist patiently and hopefully to make the intellect slightly steadier with each month that passes.

"For the mind has been captured by the body and made to serve it, the purpose of meditation is to reverse this position and free the mind from this tyrannous domination so that it may reunite with its rightful master, the Overself. When it eludes one's grasp in meditation and causes outside sensations or forgetfulness of the subject to impose themselves upon one's attention, one should do the brave and difficult thing—inigather it from its wandering; try to make it introspective and patiently turn its attention back towards its proper focus, however tiresome this is and however frequently this must be done. Patience plus indifference to repeated failures is essential to obtain final success."

Any trained psychiatrist, or psychologist, will be immediately aware of the great value, from the most ordinary standpoint of physical and mental health, of cultivating this ability to control the activity of the mind and to be capable of concentrating and directing its attention intensively, at will.

After one has achieved the objective of holding the mind steadily on one single object, or sense report, the next step is to exclude the reports of the senses entirely, and to concentrate on, or "pay attention" to a thought, or quality, which does not involve the intervention of any of the senses. Then is achieved Underhill's qualification, i.e. "The primary break with the sense world." And there is nothing mysterious about that, either.

From<sup>202</sup> the standpoint of people who fall into our Group b, i.e. who have no immediate religious interest, the above practice is as far as one need go, until the time comes, as it inevitably does, when the experience so gained demands something further. The single object of their meditation can be any selected peaceful object, such as a flower; a peaceful scene they know; or any such thing on which to focus the mind for the purpose of attaining one-pointed attention. For the others, however, so soon as they have passed through the mental discipline of keeping the mind steadily focussed, it is desirable to introduce the spiritual motive. Thus, the object of their sense-free

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meditation can be the face of Christ and His qualities. A spiration and devotion will grow apace, as the Mystics have recorded and from that time on, the inner Grace is the best Guide.

For the practice of meditation, from the very beginning, it is best to pick a quiet spot and one which, if possible, can be set aside in the home for that sole purpose. At the outset, 15 minutes first thing in the morning will suffice. Later, 15 minutes just before retiring can be added. The time gradually can be increased until there are two half hour hourly periods daily. By then, the aspirant will only too gladly devote all the time he can spare to this beautiful period for the development of his spiritual consciousness. It will become an oasis of beauty and ever more constructive reality in the relative desert of his material life.

Sometimes, it is objected that mysticism, or meditation, is simply an escape from reality; a form of narcosis indulged in by those who are too weak to face the hard "realities" of life. This is simply a criticism of ignorance. Anyone who has had the smallest experience will readily agree that, on the contrary, it increases the ability to face the<sup>203</sup> hard facts of every day life, for the simple reason that they fall into a proper perspective. The practice provides a better mental balance, an avoidance of the extremes of depression, or joy and, as time goes on it ensures a degree of serenity much to be prized in this hectic world.

It will be observed that up to this point, only the more ordinary results from the elementary practice of meditation have been discussed, because, first of all, they are within the reach of anyone who is ready to be as assiduous in his practice, as he would be in the practice of any other form of activity which he considered of value in his every day life. But as the aspirant persists and particularly, as the intensity of his devotion mounts, he will commence to experience what Underhill calls "The new birth and development of the spiritual consciousness on high levels". Beyond that, it is not necessary to have any discussion for each one will be able to determine for himself whether the sublime experience is worth his while, or not. The kingdom of heaven lies within use, and it is within us and within us only that it can be found. Cheney has found in the words of Plotinus an eloquent description of the beauty which may be anticipated. He quotes:

"What is this rapturous joy that thrills through our being, this exaltation upwards, this yearning to escape the body and live in the Divine Spirit? -- This is the reaction that Beauty must ever induce, wonderment and a delicious aching, longing and love and a trembling that is all delight... To attain It is for those who will enter the upward path, who will put off all that they have taken on in their mortal descent. For the initiate here, as for those who approach the celebration of the sacred Mysteries, there is required purification, and the laying aside of the garments<sup>204</sup> worn before, and entry in nakedness. Then, having left by the way all that is other than God, each in the self's seclusion will know the Aloneness of Being, the Apart, the Undivided, the Pure, will know That from which all things issue, towards which all incline, the Source of Life and Spirit and Being... The Fatherland is There whence the soul has come, and There is the Father.

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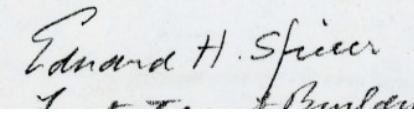
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"It is a journey not for the feet, which bring us only from land to land, nor for the ship or carriage. Rather, close the mortal eyes, and arouse in yourself that inward vision, which is the birth right of all... Withdraw into yourself and look about. If you do not find yourself beautiful yet, act as does the artist who is creating a beautiful statue. He cut away, he straightens, he makes this outline less heavy, that one he purifies, until a lovely image shines forth. So should you do. Cut away what is gross, straighten out what is crooked, lighten the over-heavy, labour to bring forth one glow of loveliness. Never cease working until there shines out from the centre within you the Divine splendour, until you know that you have {enthroned} the Good in a stainless shrine. When you know that you have become this perfect work, nothing can keep you from the act of union."

Here then is the supreme opportunity for every human being worthy of the name. It is said that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump. If those in spiritual authority would lend the weight of their influence and example toward the intelligent practice of the intelligently planned and conducted meditation, the effect on the world situation could well be of profound<sup>205</sup> importance, since the development of the spiritual man would proceed side by side with the development of the better citizen; the better business man; the better father and such people, just because they could not help letting their light shine, could be rallying points for those who are groping their way in darkness and despair. "The scent of a flower goes but with the wind, but the perfume of a holy life goes even against the wind."

It is not without reason that the Christian Mystics, Adepts in the art of meditation and prayer, are referred to as "Saints that Moved the World".



First Trust Building,  
Pasadena, {11} California

### L43.335

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List of flowers gifted at Christmas<sup>206</sup>

List is for the year 1977 and shows the names of those who gifted flowers and includes Kenneth T. Hurst giving flowers for Leslie Guiver.

*Extract: None*

### L43.337

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Envelopes (2) addressed to Kenneth T. Hurst  
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<sup>206</sup> Possibly for the Science of Mind Center see L43.483 and L43.487.

Kenneth T. Hurst  
Mountain View East  
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**L43.339**

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Handwritten letter from PB to Kenneth  
Cannes  
10 Feb 78<sup>207</sup>

Thank you for your letters, dear Kenneth --

I welcome your good business news, but it will be more welcome when you are next able to get the time to pass through one of my halting-places!

Now for my news. The bronchitis was very largely halted by coming here, although herbs which I used doubtless helped. Still, the climate was a big improvement. But I came in as a tourist, which gave me only 3 months. I am trying to get a 2 or 3 month extension to finish the winter properly here. In any case I must leave Feb 28 to arrive in Switzerland 1st March and save my Swiss visa from lapsing after a week or 10 days there. I shall be free to return here, if they want me - otherwise I would go to Italy close to French frontier, perhaps San{illegible}. I shall learn during the last week of February. In Suisse I would probably visit Vevey Montreux, do tax returns & see the papers with Gefeller, visit Barne, then Steiner {illegible} where I have to see someone & then Zurich, return to Vevey and leave Suisse again

Thanks for your kind offers to get things for me but I am managing so far. New York is snow covered very heavily I read tonight in local press so India will help!

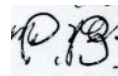
I write this in a café by the old port where yachts stay.

Well Duttons have finished their last {illegible} one PB book. - HTBH. The only thing left with them is paperback Secret Path now. Thank you for all your help with S.W.

Don't forget to send me something about your speech when you have time in USA.

All else when I am resettled again next month

With peace & affection.



P.S. My<sup>208</sup> address here is good only until the arrival here<sup>209</sup> 27 of Feb. It would

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<sup>209</sup> PB inserted "arrival here" by hand.

be safer to send c/o Mrs Pierpoint until I am able to resettle.  
now 69 Avenue du {illegible} Albert  
Residence St Michel Bloc A  
{illegible} 400 Cannes A/M

## L43.343

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Handwritten letter from Kenneth to PB  
9 March 1978

Dear PB-

(1) I was extremely pleased to receive your Feb 10 letter while I was in New Delhi. And I'm delighted to learn that your bronchitis is better, thanks to improved climate and herbs. All other points noted.

(2) It was good to visit India again after six years. Although I would not want to live there. Delhi has grown {illegible}; many highrise buildings now dot the landscape. The economy has improved and the middle class seems better off. Whether since, or because of, Mrs {E's} rule, is hard to say. She may well be re-elected to power. She has charisma, and {Desai} lacks leadership and statesman qualities.

(3) I did not deliver a written speech, (I have gotten away from them) but spoke extemporaneously. But I had an unusual experience one night in my hotel room. A strong inner thought came and stated that (1) We are our brothers' Keepers and that we have a responsibility to help the newer nations (2) And that I was not granted my position merely to sit back and enjoy its material benefits but to enable me to be of service. So the next day I proposed the plan for a series of workshops throughout Asia described in my memo 78-347 enclosed. ({Leo} said he would take it up with the head of the AAP, Tim Hoopes). It all unfolded very quickly, and everyone was interested. The London Times man interviewed me on it!

Now it occurs to me that this might well be the opportunity<sup>210</sup> for service you prophesied back in 1961 in New Zealand? You mentioned that it was connected with US Government somehow - and now Bill Childs offers the possibility of AID (Agency for International Development) funding for the project!

The third interesting factor is that a couple of weeks before my trip I had been asked if I would accept nomination for Vice-Chairman of {OAP} (International Division). I thought it over carefully for a few days before I accepted. It will lead to the Chairmanship in a year's time. So that I am thereby in a position to initiate these service programs and to enlist the US industry behind them.

Even the manner of my going to India was unplanned. Leo was scheduled to go. But for some reason or other, at short notice he asked me if I would go. I thought it over a weekend and then agreed. So everything fell into place quickly.

Also you may recall that book Tony and Tim forecast from my horoscope that I would become engaged in some work while service endeavour (after Pluto had shaken things up).

And finally do you remember our discussing my doing some part time teaching

on publishing during your USA visit while having tea in Greenwich Village en route to Donald Weisers?

So all these {portent seem to be culminating and taking shape! I'm<sup>211</sup> far from fully clear exactly how the project will develop, but I'm confident it will unfold and fall into place. And I'm also confident I will be given the energy to drive it forward.

(4) I'm having dinner with Edmund this Friday- and with Weiser following Thursday (I'll find out where we stand on the circular and reprints).

(5) I'd like to plan my fall itinerary soon if possible. As I have to return HERE promptly from the Frankfurt Bookfair to be back for some meetings, I wonder if it would be possible to visit you for a week before the fair? In fact, I'd fly from here to wherever you are and then double back to London for my meetings there. For instance, I've made out attached to Geneva in case you are in Suisse Romande; but I could just as easily make it to Zurich, or Nice, or Italy - or wherever you think you might be? So if it's possible for you to know at this early stage, I would appreciate a line from you to that effect so I can make my bookings. The time does go quickly.

(6) Apropos of which, we welcome the current balmy signs of Spring after the worst winter I can recall. Snow is still banked 6 feet high around our parking lots! But a few more mild days should melt it.

(7)<sup>212</sup> I've been invited back to give a two hour seminar APRIL 18 by PUBMART, so they must have had favourable feedback on my last one!

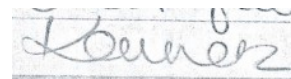
(8) There was a minor brief flareup at the office last week from the same quarter as before (i.e., Head of College Division who is now a Director and member of the 4-man Executive Committee) but at least two members (to my knowledge) did not take him seriously and it sputtered out. I was upset for a day or two but tried to maintain and project the correct positive goodwill attitude. Everything seems OK now.

(9) Still active in Eric Pace's group. Planning to attend same week's seminar in Pennsylvania in July as last year. Sort of a mystic smorgasbord!

(10). My energy and drive and well-being has increased and I attribute this to the morning Sun exercise - which gives me an immediate charge of energy (like being wound-up or plugged-in). Also to an exercise I've devised of lying in bed, imagining one's body being projected high, and "THE FORCE" pouring through it. I do this in the morning just before rising.

(11) And I try to be alert during the day to the inner reactions to outer events, and try to do the exercise you outlined in "Secret Path" i.e., "WHOM DOES THIS TROUBLE" ETC. I find it all fascinating!

Love,



L43.351

351 - 354

Handwritten letter from {PB}<sup>213</sup> to Kenneth

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<sup>213</sup> Signed by PB and written by Joscelyn Godwin as stated in letter.

c/o Grindlays, Ltd., 13 St. James' Square, London, S.W. 1  
March 13, 1978<sup>214</sup>

I hope you have recovered from your travels abroad, and picked up your course again in America, dear Kenneth.

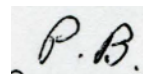
Here<sup>215</sup> are two questions: 1 — can you check whether Weiser is publishing, or just selling, Aleister Crowley's works? If it is the former, he should be warned of the possible harm to himself. If he is merely handling them as a book dealer, it is still undesirable, but it becomes a matter of, first, his conscience, and second, his willingness to accept some of the karmic responsibility which, though much reduced, still attaches to them.

2 — Joscelyn Godwin, who is writing this letter at my dictation, tells me that he has seen in Books in Print an entry under my name: Spiritualism and Yoga, 6 vols.,<sup>216</sup> \$200, published by the Gordon Press. I know nothing whatsoever about this, but it raises several questions: was the copyright on my books<sup>217</sup> never renewed after the statutory 28-year period? Did Weiser have anything to do with this?<sup>218</sup> If the copyrights lapsed, can they be renewed now? Joscelyn does not know anyone who has bought this Gordon Press edition, but he heard from Steven Damiani that it was a reprint of several of my books in uniform library bindings.

My situation here is uncertain, depending on the visa authorities in Nice, who should have settled it one way or another two weeks ago. Still nothing has happened, and meanwhile the Cannes Commissioner has given me an authorization until the middle of May, but subject to approval from Nice. So I have no stable mail address for the next couple of weeks, and am having Grindlay's hold all mail for the present.

My health is fairly good, and I have no throat problem because the climate has been much milder here than in Switzerland this winter.]

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**L43.355**

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Letter from Ken to Donald  
June 21, 1978

TO: Donald Weiser

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<sup>214</sup> KTH inserted "Call Donald" by hand at the top of page.

<sup>215</sup> Paragraph is bracketed in the left margin in a different ink.

<sup>216</sup> Circled by hand and noted "\$360" in a different hand.

<sup>217</sup> Page 353

<sup>218</sup> "No" is handwritten in the right margin after this question, and circled.

Dear Donald:

Here's the Library of Congress report on PB's copyrights. All seems okay except for Secret India which I'll have to check out further.

So in all your future other paperback printings would you please have both the original copyright and a subsequent renewal printed on the half-title page as follows:

THE SECRET PATH

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Donald, even though we don't have a clear reading on Secret India, perhaps we should put in the following for the time being:

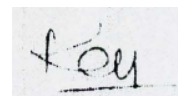
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Many Thanks.

[PS. We now have a clear legal reading that PB's Copyrights are valid, and this

gives us the right to sue Gordon Press or any other infringers!]



### L43.359

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Copyright Certificate of the United States of America<sup>220</sup>

Library of Congress certifies that two titles by Paul Brunton are found registered  
in their catalogues.

*Extract: "This is to certify that a careful search in the indexes and catalogs of the Copyright Office covering the period 1898 through November 4, 1977 under the name Paul Brunton and the titles (where available)..."*

### L43.367

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Duplicate of L43.241

### L43.369

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Publishing and assorted notes

Undated

*Extract: None*

### L43.371

371 - 376

Publishing notes by {Kenneth}<sup>221</sup>

Undated

5000 copies = \$3000 mfg = 60 cents each

list at 3.95 = 6.6x

200 pages

check PH

3.95 less 50% discount = \$1.975

\$3000 / 1.975 = 1520 copies breakeven to recoup mfg. cost

1)<sup>222</sup> Typesetting \$5 a page

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<sup>220</sup> This accompanies L43.355.

<sup>221</sup> Author determined from handwriting.

<sup>222</sup> Page 373

- 2) Just redo each page with changes (to avoid split like p23 in Quest) HTBY except where only one word to be changed
- 3) Hidden Teaching next - (Will use Oct 74 Alan B connections) but p 110 adding 3 paras {throws off} remaining chapter {illegible} - OK - there is space on p119 at end of chapter.
- 4) {illegible} bestseller change OK
- 5) Any other HTBY changes {illegible}?
- 6) But we can't delete paras (para 5, p15 HTBY) {illegible} over 1/2 page  
Are they essential?  
Yes. we can reset Chapter 1  
"Beyond Yoga"  
which has his deletions.
- 7) PB write new Preface for 1 or 2 para 10 1976 editions
- 8) {illegible} changes OK.

India<sup>223</sup> - all OK

No problem - can make all his desired changes

"Inner Reality"

A problem - {illegible} many word changes - looks funny if {illegible} reset {illegible} - would cost \$ 1300 to reset all entire books.

We working from Dec

### **L43.377**

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Envelope to Kenneth T. Hurst  
Undated

Kenneth T. HURST  
"Mountain View East"  
696 Sierra Vista Lane  
Valley Cottage,  
New York 10989  
Etats Unis d' Amerique

### **L43.379**

379 - 382

Handwritten letter from PB to Kenneth  
1st August 78

Your airletters of March and June, dear Kenneth -

& printed material are acknowledged and again apology is due for the late reply.

You have done good work on the Gordon Press and the US Copywriting question. Anyway it would be well to be on the alert to ~~with~~ such a firm reactivating quietly. You might even write again more aggressively and mentioning Donald's cooperation?

Concerning the public service work and the seminars also it seems your ideas do get appreciated. As for the opposition of the new director, regard him as a kind of brake on your enthusiasm to temper it a little. "Whom is he upsetting?" He did not win last time but in the resulting event you had less of a load to carry. Remember always to circumscribe activity of detail and width while penetrating in depth and importance. Thus you also respect the health warning. As concerns this man I wonder if his resentment against you is academic?

Like you I am surprised there is no © notice in Rider editions. But as you will be visiting London soon I would prefer that you took up the matter in person with them and get it settled. At the same time take up the text changes and corrections to the extent that we agreed in the final Weiser case. I have mentioned it before but they are awaiting these final texts which we reduced to bare minimums. I suppose you could take these with you to them and perhaps get ~~there~~ their decisions more quickly than by correspondence? But here again I want the Hidden Teaching changes done first if possible. From past experience the Rider manager Devin McDermot and his secretary Mrs Diana Brown are sympathetic. She is a PB fan too. ]

Thank<sup>224</sup> you and Donald for the three copies of his new P. B. editions. They look good too. Thanks also for the Atlantis book. Finally I received the two paper covered books sent through Donald to<sup>225</sup> you by the author, Sigmund Lowe. I have sent him an acknowledgement of receipt and a long letter. If he writes you personally again ignore him or simply say his letter was reforwarded. I gave him a single interview in 1935 and he has attempted to involve me in correspondence obviously to get publicity for his books. It seems he has also written to Weisers to get them to republish his books and using my name as "an old friend" and suggesting I personally wrote it through him telepathically. The joke is I have not seen him since 1935 nor heard from him since 25 years ago! He is a good man and I have nothing else against him but I no time to get into his affairs no any particular interest. Weiser should not think that I am connected in any way and must deal with Lowe's books on their own merit entirely.

It is nearly a year since we worked on the changes and brochure. I hope Donald will do more than the two further titles he mentioned to you during the second year? For that would surely {illegible} further attempts by G. Press

Next time you write Margaret Spicer give her kindest thoughts. I wrote to Jim Covell some months ago.

I have seen Edmund but have left the hotel in Vevey where he met me. I am now at Hotel de CHATTONEVRE, CH. 1502 CORSEAUX, S/Vevey. Tel: (021) 51 47 81. But on 1st next month (September) I am due to move into Chemin de la MARAICHE 1, 1802 Corseaux. A Telephone # will be given me on that date. This will be my own apartment since more than a year. It is a pleasant country village now swallowed as a suburb of Vevey but extremely country looking still, and quiet. At last a home, leased for one

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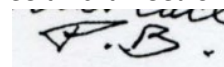
<sup>224</sup> Page 381

<sup>225</sup> PB inserted "through Donald to" by hand.

year, renewable, smaller than Blonay but 3 rooms still.

Please continue to use Mrs Pierpoints's address for mail until I have settled in the apartment and notify you of the change. I am ready to welcome you!

With Peace and affection



## L43.383

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Duplicate of the second page of L43.385

## L43.385

385 - 388

Handwritten letter from PB to Kenneth

Your August 14 letter, dear Kenneth ---

1) Thank you for the parting shot to Gordon {illegible} 2) The book on Soviet Parapsychology is fascinating as a piece of literary journalism and of news of what they {illegible} are discovering over there: to me particularly so because of the Kirlian Effect. It is in line with the primitive and specialist research started by a team of half a dozen Harley St physicians (with whom I co-operated) using electric apparatus to trace out the aura, and to get diagnostic effects. Kirlian went much farther. Alas this goes back so far - 1934.

Yes Riley entered your life through the window at York Avenue, I believe, and became more than a good friend. It seems to be a karmic connection. I'll remember.

I have found a hotel for you here and made the reservation Oct 11 arrival and Oct 16 exit. There is no railway station in Corseaux. Vevey is the nearest. There is a brochure enclosed but I must inform you that the hotel is next to the RR depot but I had to choose it because of problems which can best be explained in person. But do not be alarmed I stayed there and found little trouble from the noise. It is large, well insulated, has big garden, good private toilet & douche and costs ~~only~~ Franc 32 including breakfast. Taxi stand ½ minute away. (A taxi will be needed to get home at night but on a good day you could walk to the house in 30 minutes if you prefer You could also take a little bus to about halfway, or even all the way perhaps but the latter is at uncertain times it seems but we may get more information by time you arrive.

So<sup>226</sup> - my address after removal on 1st September will be,

CH 1802 Corseaux s/ Vevey

Chemin de la Maraiche

Telefon: (021) 528095

I have got a bottle of heart medicine, based on herbal receipt, not commercially sold, and well recommended by a long time herbal student. It was only lately made up. The contents, and information about it, I got written out on the off chance that it might be of service to you but that was some time ago and I must wait until I start removing

my papers from storehouse. Your physician could look at the prescription to approve or reject it, if you wish. Or if reluctant to mention it to him, I could return the medicine.

With Peace and Affection

P.B.

L43.389

389 - 392

Handwritten letter from PB  
Chemin de la Maraiche, 1,  
CH 1802 Corseaux  
Sur Vevey, Switzerland  
September 14/78

First, the Manager of Hotel la Famille wrote me that his clerk made a mistake. The room is available 2 days only. The hotel is fully booked until end October. So I rejected it and have now reserved for you at the "Hotel ~~Negoliats~~ ~~Negotiants~~ Negotiants et XYZ". full name and printed will be sent tomorrow - sorry much pressure. The room is exactly like the one at Famill even in (rebuilt) age! but still only 4 or 5 minutes' walk price only Franc 30.

Second, Andre is still around and I have notified him that I shall hope to renew acquaintance with him one of these sunny October days and that I am still interested in philosophical subjects.

Yes the saltfree ~~for~~ broth powder would be something I have not had since last year and so very welcome. Thanks. The train times may alter 1st October so I will watch the situation carefully, but it is not too likely.

Mrs Perpoint is busy with her art exhibits etc and mail should no longer be sent there. It can go to my own apartment

Yes phone me on Geneva arrival. I will meet your train to take you to the Hotel Negotiants and, if you wish or feel like it, to tea at the Tunisian-Moroccan Cafe in Montreux and again if wished, a walk along lake front there

Switzerland is still quiet and peaceful politically but costly. I have not settled only continued my unsettlement in various ways. I have also a typical French nosey-parker female Concierge so you can imagine all the<sup>227</sup> gossip she is enjoying about me with her croneys and fellow tenants, and also attempts to drag me into.

Well, it will not be long before we meet

so with Peace and Affection.

P.B.

P.S. have addressed cover c/o your office because am not at home, & cannot remember middle name of your house street.

### L43.393

393 - 394

Handwritten letter from PB to Kenneth

Sept 23

I write you, dear Kenneth \_ \_

in a café' on a notepad just to tell you that all went smoothly and that your reservation at Hotel Europe is in order for October for I believe 7th. I have to report that in accord with the general high inflation in Suisse, room rates have increased. It is still comfortable however and I have already stayed here more than 2 weeks. But I go out for meals for reasons I can tell you in person.

I trust the cartons were not too troublesome to pack & send and shall await them patiently. So my mail address is

c/o Hotel Europe

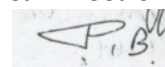
Avenue des Alpes 14

Montreux

Have advertised for apartment but have to do so again as it will be not easy to find my requirements, also visit<sup>228</sup> agents

Expect to go away for 4 or 5 days about the 1st of October.

With Peace & Affection



Phone of Hotel

= (021) 614622

Looking forward to our meeting

### L43.397

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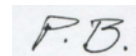
Handwritten letter from PB

Oct 8

Your room @ Hotel Europe, Montreux is reserved for Oct 17

Suitcase may be left in the station locker or porter can come from hotel to collect it after you arrive here Do not carry it if possible

You are very welcome.



### L43.399

399 - 404

Handwritten letter from PB

Jan 9, 1979

1. Your reservation at the Hotel des Familles next to the Gare of Vevey was confirmed by me in a personal visit.<sup>229</sup> It will be February 14th (Wednesday) afternoon arrival, Feb 17th midday departure to London.<sup>230</sup>

2. When you were last here, after the Frankfort Fair, you mentioned the biographical paper of Mac-Dermott. After you left, I finished going through all the papers, but the biographical paper was not among them. If you still have it, please send now. If not, and if you can find the time to see MacDermott when you visit London next month, two matters could be dealt with in his office. First, get a copy of the biographical paper; second, inquire whether he has come to any decision about the revision of Hidden Teaching Beyond Yoga. All the other revisions can wait if necessary, but this is the one that should be dealt with first. Incidentally, after these two points you could squash the silly rumour which has also been circulated by Mrs Arthur Osborne that I have started a colony in upstate N.Y.<sup>231</sup>

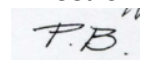
3.<sup>232</sup> Concerning your out-of-the-body experience during the heart attack, from two separate cases of Czechoslovaks who came to see me I learned that when they were almost about to pass away after accidents, they found themselves separated from the body, knowing that ?? it was suffering pain, but not having any identification with the body itself: so that they felt above the pain. This reminds me of a similar case when many years ago I heard from a Tibetan Rinpoche who had been tortured by the Chinese and only released after stringent intervention by Nehru. He said that during the torture experiences he knew that pain was there but he did not feel it as his own because of non-identification with the body.

4. I have a question about a totally different matter, although it is very strange that I have not heard of this matter until lately. Len had much to do with Steiner's work. In fact, I believe we were together when I spoke to Steiner. Anyway, the question is: is it true that Rudolf Steiner died from cancer?

5.<sup>233</sup> I am sorry not to be able to discuss the matter of my residence here in Corseaux, but we can talk about it when we meet again, and when we are outside this house.

6. There is a scientist who works, or worked, at the University of Phoenix, Arizona. He has written a number of treatises. His name is Dr Frank Baronowski (?). He, too, has worked with the Kirlean photo effect and is still engaged with it. If any of his books, preferably the most recent ones, deal with the results of his work during the last few years, I would be grateful if you can get it, so that I can get up to date.

With Peace and Affection



**L43.405**

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<sup>232</sup> Page 401

<sup>233</sup> Page 403

Handwritten letter from Kenneth to PB  
17 January 1979

Am writing you from California, dear PB!

Where I am attending our College division sales conference at Newport Beach (60 miles South of Los Angeles).

(1) Saturday I drove up to see Gilda Frantz in Santa Monica, and then we went over to Malibu Beach to visit Mike and Jane Frantz. He is having difficulty adjusting from his heart attack of a year ago. I think I was able to help him and gave him advice and mental/ spiritual healing techniques. They were pleased for my visit. Gilda seems to be doing well.

(2) Sunday I drove down down to Escondido, which you had told me about. I liked it very much. It reminded me of Tuscan, being {ringed} with mountains. I found a small vegetarian restaurant there. But I'm told it is humid there at certain times of the year. This would have to be checked out.

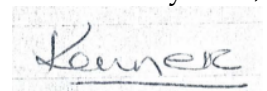
(3) There are several other sites which may be suitable for retirement settlement. One needs more time for scouting around. (El Toro, mission Viejo etc.). I was told Santa Barbara is lovely but have been unable to get up there this trip. Anyway I certainly like this whole area of Southern California!

(4) Vegetarians are much more catered for out here than back East. Most restaurants feature at least one or two veg. dishes. Yesterday I had a veg. quiche! Even Veg. vegetable soup!

5.<sup>234</sup> Here is my final itinerary. Few planes fly to Geneva from Delhi. The best I can do is this Lufthansa flight to Frankfurt, and then change for Geneva, arriving there about 1025. So I would telephone you and let you know which train I can catch. Would you please make my reservation at that Hotel by the railway station for Feb 15, 16 and 17? Many thanks! I'm looking forward to seeing you. It does not seem long since my last visit.

(6) All goes well. My health holds up. My organization of the India seminar has gone fairly smoothly, and I'm looking forward to it. Anyway I'll be able to tell you how it went when I see you!

All my love,



P.S. Please see next page 3

**L43.409**

409 - 412

Handwritten incomplete letter from Kenneth<sup>235</sup>  
Undated

5. Your Jan. 9 letter was awaiting my return from California. I enclose a

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<sup>234</sup> Page 407

<sup>235</sup> This may be the page 3 to which the post script on L43.405 refers.

photocopy so you can easily refer to the points you raised, and I'll identify them by number.

I regret I have had to change the dates of my Vevey visit by one day, moving them back. Because there is no flight from Delhi arriving Wed. So I'll stay a day later til Sunday. I trust this is OK with you and Hotel des Familles.

{2.} Enclosed is the biographical paper. I have made copies.

I will telephone McDermot when I reach London (after Switzerland). I've written him reminding him about reprinting HTBY next.

{3.} Yes, Pres. Marcos of Philippines says same happened to him when he was tortured by the Japanese during the war. He found himself floating above his body.

4. I've never heard Steiner dying from cancer. I'll try to find out.

5. Noted

6.<sup>236</sup> No books by {Barenowski} are listed in Books in Print. So {illegible} seem current. But I'll ask Donald to look for used copies.

7. If my flight from Delhi via Frankfurt arrives on time (and it's a long way!). I would hope to try to catch the 1324 train arriving Vevey 1422. I'll probably be tired but happy to see you!

8. I continue to be aware of "The Presence within" in varying degrees and at varying times, and feel its uplift.

## L43.413

413 - 414

Handwritten letter from PB to Kenneth

21 Mar 79

It is a pleasure to read your letter of 3/13, Dear Kenneth ---

and note the appreciations that others are showing of your character, ideals, efficiency and services. It is also a good thing that you will meet men of position in the Publishers Lunch Club, as well as education.

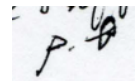
Your successes at PH Int go well with your self-training mentally as well as practically.

I did not remember Judge Troward's words in "Imperial Palace" Do please send a copy of the quote whenever it is convenient

In haste to catch today's plane, and with all thanks for your help in getting McDermott to assist materializing your excellent suggestion<sup>237</sup>

Concerning the vege broth the only one I care for is "Low Sodium kind"<sup>238</sup> "Vogue." But by getting the dealer to repacking from glass jar into double-lined plastic bags, and thence into carton is best, safest, and most satisfactory Thanks

With Peace & Affection



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<sup>236</sup> Page 411

<sup>237</sup> KTH inserted "Take to Suisse" by hand.

<sup>238</sup> PB inserted "'Low Sodium kind'" by hand.

## L43.415

415 - 416

List of Easter Lilies gifted

This list is for Easter 1979 showing flowers given by Kenneth T. Hurst in memory of Karen and Leonard Gill.

*Extract: None*

## L43.417

417 - 418

Handwritten incomplete letter from Kenneth  
May 15 1979

(1) I visited Purdy's and spoke to the optician. He understood perfectly, and I left your written instructions with him for reference. He said that the frame was rather delicate and might not withstand the changing of lenses; but in which case he could (and would) provide an exact similar frame. He will mail the glasses to you, together with the old lenses. I will bring the green case with me in October; but if you need it sooner just let me know and I will mail it.

(2) Trixie Tottrup (Basil is wife) is dying. Please see enclosed correspondence.

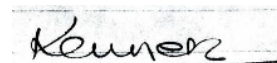
(3) I visited Mrs Sussman last week for a colonic. She asked after you and said you are "a fine gentleman."

(4) Dr Barker is retiring June 30. (He is 67). I'm going to a farewell luncheon for him (500 people!) This Sunday.

(5) Next month (June 27) I go to Alaska for a week with Eric Pace.

(6) It think now that Barker's Church of Religious Science is a long path version of the short path. It's "living in the now" but requires constant refinement and practice. There seems no end to it. But it's an improvement on orthodox religion - and in the right direction.

As ever,



May 15th - 1979

## L43.419

419 - 420

Handwritten letter from PB to Kenneth  
17 May 79

Yours of 25 April dear Kenneth and the 3 packs printed matter. Thank you

1) The Vogue problem has been solved. I have direct contact with a supplier but better still I discovered another powder made by Fred Wagner's successor which has no

salt at and which I can also easily get. So please drop that matter (I mix the two)

2) So the honours are still falling on you. First Publishers Lunch Club, now Rotary, perhaps more later! You certainly earn them.

3) Enclosed extract might interest you.

4) Of course I will welcome your visit October 2-October 8th. We can arrange when the time is closer. I have no plans yet

5) Had to do something for my health – a little {trouble} – so fasted five days on nothing at all, then added 5 more days on liquid herb teas (tonic). broke fast 6 days ago and now on new diet etc. Perhaps next few months will settle the matter: doctor is puzzled and can't identify

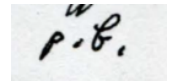
6) Who takes over on Barker's retirement?

7) Be really free from business cares in Alaska. Good chance to purify mind and heart in that unusual atmosphere

8) There is a biography of Arnold Bennett in existence but have no details

9) Am getting the mass of notes into proper accessible form for the first time. Fills a trunk!

With Peace & Affection



#### **L43.421**

421 - 422

Envelope to Kenneth T. Hurst  
Postmark date illegible

Kenneth T. Hurst  
Mountain View East  
696 Sierra Vista Lane  
Valley Cottage  
New York (10989)  
Etats Unis d'Amerique

#### **L43.423**

423 - 424

Incomplete letter from {Kenneth}<sup>239</sup> to PB  
Undated

Your letter of 17 May, dear PB...  
was much appreciated.

(1) I have been trying to elicit from Purdys the situation on your spectacles! But I'm getting the info secondhand and unclear. I gather they have (or just are) being sent. "The bill will be sent me at end of the month" so then I'll be able to see exactly what they did. Pls let me know when they arrive.

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<sup>239</sup> Author determined from handwriting.

(2) I am glad the {Vogue} problem is solved.

(3) The (Jack and Diana) Massons telephoned, and also mentioned your health. I hope you have been able to diagnose the problem and work upon its cure? I am concerned and would be grateful if you would keep me informed.

(4) Barker will be succeeded by his associate minister, Stuart Grayson. He believes in the contribution of Indian yoga and philosophy. He was in advertising and gave it up to join B!

(5) Thank you for advising me about a biography of Arnold Bennett. I've traced it and ordered it. It's by Frank {Swinerton}.

(6) There are 7 of us going to Alaska next week. Then 3 of us (Eric Pace, his 83 yr. old mother and myself) have decided to spend another week...<sup>240241</sup>

## L43.425

425 - 428

Letter from Kenneth to PB

{2 July 1979}<sup>242</sup>

Well, dear PB...

{as} I received a bill from Purdys, (which I paid), I assume they sent the glasses to you. Please let me know where they are satisfactory.

{{?}} How is your health? I hope the malade you had has gone?

{{?}} I enjoyed my holiday. Alaska was different and interesting. But, being close to the {wilds}, there was too much emphasis on hunting and fishing to suit my taste. Yet I found an excellent veg rest, plus a {semi} veg rest!! The air was clean and the sky all-encompassing.

{{?}} At one time Siberia was joined to Alaska temporarily when the land rose as a result of icecaps melting (Atlantis?) and Asians migrated over to America which was then an empty continent. The Eskimos stayed within the Arctic Circle but the Indians fanned out and adapted to local conditions.

(4) I liked Victoria very much. It seems an excellent retirement location. Mild climate because of protective coast mountains and warm ocean currents. It averages 6 hours sunshine daily. Annual rainfall in only 27" (vs. 44" for New York). No snow, but Jan/Reb rainy months. Renowned for beautiful gardens. Very English-like. Two professional {theatre} groups. One pukka veg rest. Three health<sup>243</sup> food stores. 220,000 population. Has local Unity group. Has Indian rest. Reminded {me} of {illegible}. Excellent medical care plan - on \$250 a yr. - for everything. Many retiree Canadian English and American. Living cost 10% less than rest of Canada - and New York Rents and houses reasonable. (And currently the Canadian dollar is worth 15% less than the American dollar.). So that's an {advancement} over California where rents and houses are about twice as much as in NYC are. So I will seriously consider Victoria when the

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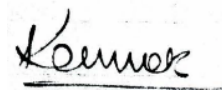
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time comes.

(5) Have you made any plans yet?

(6) All else is well. And I'm looking forward to seeing you in October.

With all my love,



## L43.429

429 - 430

Sunday program schedule for the Science of Mind Center  
Program shows titles of programs for Sundays in August 1979 for the Religious  
Science Center in New Jersey US

*Extract: "Flowers for the month of August are given by Eva Adler in joyous celebration of the Youth Group Picnic; and Kenneth T. Hurst in memory of his Mother."<sup>244</sup>*

## L43.431

431 - 432

Handwritten letter from PB to Kenneth  
Corseaux  
9 August 79

Dear Kenneth

Postcards from your holiday period, letters from 25 July, June 19 & 2 Seamails - Book "Maybe You Should Write a Book" - all here, mag "Abundant Living" and correspondence with Karen Harms & your letter May 15, and literature.

I am glad you have this further link with Karen II to help you have the family comfort, which you need.

Purdy's sent the spectacles made exactly as desired. They are a good firm. None of the makers in Switzerland - and I've tried several - can do for me what they can. So much grateful thanks

Yes, I've had health problems this year but the worst one seems to have vanished - after a 10 day fast. The other one is of uncertain nature but diet changes may clear it up; I visited the R. Steiner clinic near Basle to get diagnoses. Tahini no longer, tea in small quantity only, all liquid reduced.

Most interesting that both Pace and Grayson know the Indian teaching too. Even more interesting is your visit to Victoria and Vancouver. I had dropt USA and started interest in that area some months ago. Then came your card. Please tell me what you can or send what literature available. How do V and V compare with one another?

The only plan is to free myself to settle somewhere like Brit Columbia, free myself of furniture and unessential books, and apply for immigration soon. But will it be difficult for me to get permit?

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<sup>244</sup> This statement precedes the schedule advertised.

~~September~~ - October 1st I must be in a new abode. I don't want Vevey again.  
Perhaps Montreux?

I look forward very much to discussion about our future residence.

With peace and affection



## L43.433

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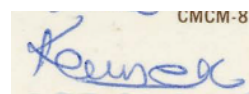
Postcard from Kenneth to Dr Paul Brunton

Undated

Dr Paul Brunton  
Chemin De La Maraichine  
Ch 1802  
Corseaux-Sur-Vevey  
Switzerland

Remember<sup>245</sup> my visit to Bulgaria when I took in cheese and food and discovered a great vegetarian rest?

Well, history has repeated itself - I've found two {vegrests} here! You were right - the clear crisp air has helped sweep away business affairs - this is quite a change of pace.

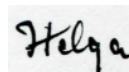


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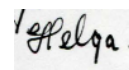
Letter from Helga to Kenny

It was wonderful to see you.  
love to you. my dear. dear. Kenny.  
I will put two roses for Leslie & Karen. on Sunday. 23,



Wishing you "Merry Christmas" and lots of special cheer with loads'n loads of gladness that lasts through the New Year.<sup>246</sup>

Dearest Kenny. all my love.



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<sup>245</sup> Page 434

<sup>246</sup> This sentence is the message printed on the card.

### L43.437

437 - 438

Christmas card from Dad and Mor to Kenny  
Undated

With<sup>247</sup> Best Wishes for Christmas and the coming Year<sup>248</sup>

Happy Christmas to you dear Kenny, Hope you are safe home xx again - With all our Love to you - Your Dad & Mor - always -

### L43.439

439 - 440

Handwritten letter from PB<sup>249</sup> to Kenneth  
January 20, 1980

Dear Kenneth

You ask me to make a reservation at a nearby hotel in LaTour. The nearest hotel is The Conte; the charge is 45 F. If, however, you would be willing to walk an additional ten minutes, you could stay at The Hotel de Famille, where the charge is only 27 F. The Conte is almost at the beginning of the Avenue des Alpes, where I reside, and where I am about twelve minutes' walk up the hill, part of the way. You may remember you admired the fittings and carpentry of The Famille when you last stayed there, but, of course, it is some distance away from my residence, since it adjoins the Railway Station at Vevey. There should not be difficulty at this time of year of finding a vacant room for you, so please let me know which of the two you would prefer, and I shall accordingly reserve a single room<sup>250</sup> with a douche for your arrival Thursday, February 21, and leaving Monday, the 25th.

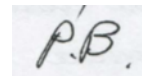
Winter here has been comparatively mild so far, even though the temperature falls quite low.

This new residence has proved to be much better than the previous one. Life moves quietly on its ordinary course.

I noted with interest that Eric Pace has resigned from his pastorate, following so soon after Raymond Barker's resignation. It will leave quite a gap, especially as he was so close to you spiritually. It will be hard to find a substitute of equal merit.

I must apologize to you for having spoken to you as I did a few months ago. I'm sorry.

With Peace,



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<sup>247</sup> Page 438

<sup>248</sup> This sentence is the message printed on the card.

<sup>249</sup> Letter is signed by PB and written in another hand.

<sup>250</sup> Page 440

### L43.441

441 - 442

Envelope from PB to Kenneth T. Hurst  
107 AVE des Alpes, Apt 22  
1814 La Tour De' Peltz, Swisse  
Undated

Kenneth T. Hurst  
"Mountain View East"  
696 Sierra Vista Lane  
Valley Cottage, New York 10989  
Etats Unis d' Amerique

### L43.443

443 - 444

Note by Kenneth  
Undated

Appt. 22  
Avenue des Alpes 107  
La Tour de Peilz  
CH 1814  
Switzerland

### L43.445

445 - 446

Handwritten letter from PB to Kenneth  
La Tour de Peilz  
18 April 80

A report has been received, dear Kenneth---

that the firm which advertised 6 PB pubs under general title "Spiritualism and Yoga" for \$650<sup>251</sup> (Anthony I believe) to again doing so. Can anything be done to stop these crooks? Shouldn't Weiser also get into the act to help? And is it undesirable for you to use your P-H Int printed letterhead instead on plainpaper to give more weight to your signature?<sup>252</sup>

I am not sure but I believe that if the unpublished six titles (Weiser) should be hastened into printing and publication Anthony's would hardly dare to issue their \$650 copies again, if so, and if Weiser is still too cash short we might have to wait some more years before the next three titles are out. So could you and PB get together and share costs (along with W. if poss.) and get things going soon. Or as the mystic Oriental

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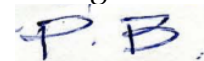
<sup>251</sup> KTH inserted "\$360" by hand in the left margin.

<sup>252</sup> KTH inserted "I did" by hand in the left margin.

Occult business is getting now resuscitated by several firms even find another publisher who would undertake publication with its (or with only part cost) for these 6 remaining titles?

Kindly consider these points and let me know your thoughts. (I remember "University Books are once asked me for rights, but there are now several new publishers issuing such literature as well as firms which used to be not interested earlier. Even Duttons are now doing so too. I am sorry to trouble you with this matter but I feel the situation puts ideas into the head of the crooks. {White} also the new interest should not remain unexplored.

With peace, and good wishes for your lecturing service



**L43.447**

447 - 448

Handwritten letter from Kenneth to PB

1 May 1980

I am eager to stamp out, dear PB -

any attempted piracy of your works.

(1) Upon receipt of your April 18 letter I telephoned both Don Weiser and Tony. Neither is aware of any resumed activity by Gordon Press - nor has either ever seen the alleged pirate set, nor knows anyone who has.

(2) Tony thinks it may be a "trial balloon" e.g. that the listing was placed in Books in Print and that if sufficient orders were received for the set then Gordon would have published i.e.

(3) Donald is sceptical. He doesn't see why anyone would pay \$360 (or \$650) for a six volume set when they are available in paperback for under \$50. (I have to agree, especially with shrinking library funds in these inflationary times.)

(4) Is it possible for you to obtain more details from your source who reports Gordon Press is again advertising PB's works? Where did the ad appear? Can they send me a copy of it? If I have more facts, perhaps I'd have evidence to crush Gordon. But if they refer merely to the listing (which we all know about) in Books in Print, then that alone does not indicate a resumption of selling activities. Anyway I am writing to Books in Print (per attached letters) to stop that listing.<sup>253</sup>

(5)<sup>254</sup> In addition, I will ask my local library (I'm on its Board of Trustees) to write Gordon (per attached draft) and we'll see how they reply.

(6) Regarding the rest of your letter, actually all the other titles are in print and available in paperback on the market. (I have copies in my office). So there is no question of Gordon (or anyone else) issuing pirate editions simply because of their now availability on the market.

(7) I enclose a listing of all ten titles showing the situation on each. Please let me know if you have any questions. I have made a dinner appointment with Donald for

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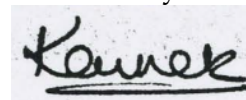
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May 9.

(8) Tony told me he spent two weeks with you last month, and that Ella Mae will be going {soon}. She is quite intelligent so don't hesitate to discuss this matter with her. And please, with any future reports ask for specific details.

(9). All goes well with me. I deliver a mini sermon to the RSI group every Sunday! (And try to live up to my own preachings.) I go to Chicago next month to conduct a seminar, and will see Marianne Green.

All my love,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lawrence", with a horizontal line underneath the name.

**L43.451**

451 - 452

Handwritten letter from PB to Kenneth

July 12 1980<sup>255</sup>

You continue to add fresh laurels to the list, dear Kenneth---

appreciations, congratulations, friendships, gratitudes. And your mini-sermons are interesting. I hope to get one or two occasionally. You seem to have got fresh inspiration with these {maturer} years, and on a higher level too. Yes, all leading somewhere.

Thanks for your efforts to put down the Gordon piracy. Did Mrs Jennings of RR {illegible} ever follow up her letter of May L promising to "be in touch with you soon."? Anyway I suppose we can consider the matter closed.

Thanks too for the copy of Weiser's "Quest of the Overself" 1980 and your correction and changes list, which was brought down to such a minimum, {s?!} carried on the back cover the old blurb "PB whose works are bestsellers in a dozen languages" (not true anyway) CHANGE to "P-B-whose works are well-known in many countries" etc and the enclosed sheet. I am not so enamoured now of the idea that Riders ordered or will or may order 1000 photocopies of Weiser's printing of one of the PB books. It may multiply the number of errors or undone changes in circulation again!

Thanks too for the up to date list of Swiss Veg Rests, I do little travelling but when needed such lists are very useful. Incidentally the Glass family are emigrating this week to USA where Beau will be in the Music department of the University of Iowa and Melody a student there.

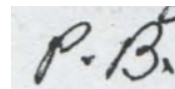
My recovery from the hernia and scrotum surgery has been progressing. My strength is now back: only have to be careful not to take long walks lift bags etc. and wear a suspensory bandage. I will probably after a month or so continue my experimentation with the Acupuncture Swiss doctor who has used his needles and moksa-heat for a couple of parts of the body where needed. It gave me better circulation I believe. It could not help excessive mucous but the digestive organ-tube seems better. The doctor has had some years in the Far East. He is also a homeopath as well as M.D. and suggested I try Chinese cooked diet (ordinary veges cooked without

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<sup>255</sup> Kenneth inserted "postmarked July 12, 1980." by hand on page 452.

oil however, and stop salads regularly as they are considered more indigestible. I am trying it out too. He visited India but has a poor opinion of its "poverty {illegible} helplessness" but agreed with my praise for the ancient scriptures and philosophy. Acupuncture is not for all maladies, only certain ones, nor are all veges used in his diet as a few are banned.

With good wishes for your inner welfare



### L43.453

453 - 454

Handwritten letter from Kenneth to PB  
October 29, 1980

It was a great pleasure, dear PB...

seeing and being with you. I enjoyed my visit. Thank you for all your kindness.

1) Here is the Plan. I have sent a {copy}<sup>256</sup> to Arthur. Please let me know if you have any comments.

2) Frankfurt went well but was tiring. But back in {illegible} now and things are going {illegible}.<sup>257</sup> Spent las week in Washington {and}<sup>258</sup> North Carolina at meetings and seminars. Was a guest of the Univ. of N.C. and {was}<sup>259</sup> put up in their Alumni House, an {elegant}<sup>260</sup> old building on the campus.

3) I've now been able to set dates for my Bangkok workshop. So I could stop in Vevey on my way out. Would it be convenient to visit you from February {illegible}<sup>261</sup> and leave on Feb 17? If so, could {you}<sup>262</sup> please make a reservation at Hotel de la {Famille}<sup>263</sup> for Feb. 12 - 16 (preferably with douche/{toilet}<sup>264</sup> Many thanks! I look forward to {hearing}<sup>265</sup> from you.

All my love,



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### L43.455

455 - 456

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<sup>262</sup> Guess based on context.

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<sup>264</sup> Writing runs off the page; only "to" is visible in the original.

<sup>265</sup> Writing runs off the page; only "hea" is visible in the original.

<sup>266</sup> Signature runs off page.

Nov 30, 1980<sup>267</sup>

There have been some changes in my health condition, dear Irene,  
which has caused me to make changes for the time I am until well again.

The first has been my memory has weakened so that names and addresses are more quickly forgotten. But they are troublesome. For instance one change was one month ago I went to Lausanne to attend to some matters there among which one was to pay the rent of the apartment. But when I reached quite near to the office to pay the money, I could not remember it's exact address. So this caused some problems and I had to ask the police to help me, which they did. Another difficulty which happened was I have unsteady hands. So I had to give up using writing instruments as I could not write a letter. Also, it did not help to use the type-writer. Thirdly I forgot how to spell properly. My physician is not yet sure of what is wrong. He thinks it may pass away. But if it does not, he will recommend me to a specialist in neurology to<sup>268</sup> look into this matter. They think it may be something that happens to children and they grow out of it as they get older. And two persons have told me of two similar cases of trouble to children, and it was called "Dyslexia". And they got cured out of it. I shall also like to mention the case of Emerson who started forgetting things when he was 80 and he used to get into Samadhis. I have been going into Samadhis quite frequently lately. Once it happened in a restaurant for half an hour.

Meanwhile the doctor is giving me one powerful medicine and the other is homeopathic. And we'll have to see what effects these medicines have. I have not written letters for one whole month. But I am managing the household and shopping matters. This situation has forced me to get the secretarial help mainly.

So, I am arranging with Mr Om Gupta, an India friend of mine who is also a friend of Anthony Damiani and who lives in Ithaca which is 250 miles away from New York. He is an Engineer and I have known him for several years. His work has given him holidays for some weeks and so he came at this very fortunate time too

**L43.457**

457 - 460

Letter from PB<sup>269</sup> to {Kenneth}<sup>270</sup>

December 7, 1980

A series of work pressures and new physical problems came up together and interrupted what was being prepared for your action plan. The work concerned with foreign edition books (Portuguese version) which is now off in the post until the revisions and the changes which I have sent to Brazil can be dealt with by the publishers either fully or to the extent they are willing to go along with it. The health

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<sup>267</sup> "Dr Fisk" is handwritten in the top left corner of the page.

<sup>268</sup> Page 456

<sup>269</sup> Letter is signed by PB and written in another hand.

<sup>270</sup> Recipient determined from content of letter.

problems interfered with my sight making it hazier and shifting of my capacity to formulate words and sentences. My doctor is not quite sure what is the cause. But he is trying out medicines, both allopathic and homeopathic. He'll wait for results to be reported within a week or two and then he'll decide whether to hand the case over to a colleague in Vevey - a neurology specialist. It may be a case of "Dyslexia". I cannot find this word in the dictionary. This problem occurs mostly in quite young people who grow out of it with time. And at times it occurs with some elderly people. Spelling of words is interfered with and made difficult and words are mixed up. The writing,<sup>271</sup> by hand as well as typewriter, is also interfered with. Also, my hand trembles. So I had to stop writing letters or anything at all. The only way to communicate was by dictation. However a little improvement has begun in the writing. But I must continue to watch and wait the results. The doctor thought the trouble may pass away, but he doesn't know yet.

Concerning the action plan for our meeting in February, I was of course held up by illness. But what has been so far done is as follows.

1) The doctor said that he'll have to furnish the death certificate. It must be done in La Tour and not in Montreux.

2) Arthur asked to transfer the supervision and the work of arranging and packing to somebody among Anthony Damiani's students. He does not feel strong enough to handle it so rapidly as it needed. He is not only slow by nature but is also getting elderly. He doubts whether he can have the strength to do it satisfactorily. So I accepted his<sup>272</sup> resignation. I would discuss any alternate arrangement during our meeting in February 12 - 16.

3) The doctor has agreed to keep your name, address and telephone number in his private file so there would be no delay in communicating with you. there would be no delay in communicating with you. And should he be absent from his home through business or holidays, his colleague will take the information over for necessary action.

4) The British vice consul has now been given your name address and telephone number. So ? you'll now be covered by 5 persons.

Yes please come here as you request and I have already reserved at Hotel de Famille for you a Duche and Toilette succesfully (from Feb. 12 through 16). Concerning the {illegible} broth powder, I have now finally found the address of it:

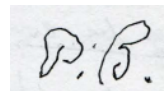
BETTER DIET SHOP

49 East 57th Street

New York, NY 10022.

Please specify low sodium if possible. It is advisable to pack the powder in double plastic bags instead of glass jars. This prevents the breakage of the glass. The shop would do both the packing and the mailing by post on request.

Again further congratulations dear Kenneth on receiving continued recognition of merit by important people. With deep peace,



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<sup>271</sup> Page 458

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## L43.461

461 - 462  
Handwritten notes by Kenneth  
Undated

### PB ACTION PLAN

- (1) After death, the judge makes inventory of the flat  
- usually two weeks afterwards
- (2) But we could ask him to do it immediately while I'm here,
- (3) (M. {illegible} will phone him)
- (3) Then {illegible} phone USA  
Randy and Tim to come and Arthur

## L43.463

463 - 466  
Handwritten letter from Kenneth to PB  
March 31, 1981

A beautiful Spring day, PB...

appropriate to write you and express my gratitude for your kindnesses during my visit which I enjoyed very much.

The rest of my trip was successful but it seemed long. The East is not as interesting to me as it was twenty years ago; it's too homogenized, the capitals all seem similar (and are copies of Western capitals) and I had trouble obtaining appetizing vegn. meals (except Bombay where I discovered a Hare Krishna temple veg rest near to hotel!). Or maybe I'm just getting old and the zest for travel has worn off! Materialism and the common man hold sway and the crowded streets are the same the world over.

But my Bangkok and Singapore seminars were very successful. In the latter city I think I persuaded the government to join the copyright convention.

And my workshop in San Francisco went well too. It filled a need. I saw Mike and Jane Frantz there, and thanked them for the sweater they sent you.

In Hongkong I saw my daughter and her husband.<sup>273</sup> He is a nice young chap, and I approved of her choice! In fact, they are a very nice couple. I visited their tiny flat, and spent two evenings with them.

Well, so much for the trip. I was glad to return home!

(1) I have revised the Action Plan, and enclose it as No. 3. It incorporates all the points we discussed. We can review it further at my October visit. In fact, I can give you the dates now! If convenient to you, PB, may I arrive on October 6 and depart October 12? If so, I would appreciate a reservation at Hotel de Famille (aves douch et toilette, si possible) for the period.

(2) By now you will have received the copy of "Maharshi Ramana" sent you February 9 by my Indian manager? He says the publisher is a small "pirate" firm. There are only 3 pages by PB. The opening paras seem written recently (?) but the later

paras appear to be lifted from "Secret India" out of context. However, it seems all right on the whole. Please let me know if you wish further action taken in this matter?

(3)<sup>274</sup> I gather you have advised Dutton to send royalties c/o me, and the first statement has arrived, together with a check for \$1.49. However, if I forwarded this to you the bank charges to you for exchanging it into SF would absorb it completely! So, with your permission, I'll just cash it here.

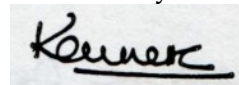
(4) You asked me sometime ago to find out if Steiner died of cancer? Well today I had lunch with a leading Anthroposophist, Jaw Ritscher. He confirmed that Steiner died of cancer of the stomach after a short illness. He said that Steiner could not, or would not, interfere with it. He also told me an interesting tale of how in 1917, when Steiner perceived the Bolshevik revolt as the biggest threat to humanity, he used his contacts with the German Imperialists to recommend that they back Kerensky (the White moderate). But the generals preferred Lenin and sent him into Russia to undermine the Russian government. Apparently Steiner had a vision of a spiritual blueprint for humanity, but could not express it in words well, and his disciples were too much in awe of him to criticise or try to improve his efforts.

(5)<sup>275</sup> I am scheduled to give a one hour talk on May 13 entitled "Life is an Inside Job!"

(6) My group were glad to see me back, and I them.

(7) My various industry projects are moving forward smoothly, and all is well at the office.

So, with all my love,



**L43.467**

467 - 468

Handwritten letter from PB to Kenneth

24 May<sup>276</sup>

Your letter, dear Kenneth, and the book "strokes": Your feeling of getting {somewhat} tired of world-travel is the other side of life. Again congrats on another success {illegible} but note it was again outside India whereas in my own case it was first with India but later a failure there (or a reverse) {illegible} being within me

Revision of Action Plan noted as No 3 improvements. Also Hotel de Famille have reserved room for you for October 6 and departing Oct 12 but sorry {illegible} only not toilette is available but toilette adjoins only - so it almost a part of the apt. Room demand is exceptionally high.

The "Maharshi Ramana" book no further ea action is needed. Thanks.

Thanks too for info re Steiner. Very interesting and important about Russia and puzzling re cancer.

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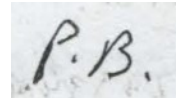
If your talk May 2 "Life is Inside Job" is available in a copy or in a loan copy if not I enjoy reading it. Have just finished reading Emmet Fox biography - very good success story and philosophy mingled with practical-mystical religion. I met him he lived in London before emigrating to USA ~~With Peace & Affection~~ PB

My<sup>277</sup> doctor said his homeopathic medicines had not succeeded. He wanted to put me on embryos but I would not accept them altho they are they were the last resort so he tried me on acupuncture. After 3 trial treatments I was much better so shall continue regularly. The acupuncture doctor has created a different kind of homeo medicine {illegible} which are also stronger.

Randy Cash has worked for me over 2 months and says he will keep on till the full six months are completed. Tony has made demands so I have given him "Collectors Copies editions" of BP books and other books will have to be given to keep him quiet. Rand gets cash payments and {illegible} from me.

My handwriting is still a bit {awkward} but as you see I can write a letter which was not possible earlier. I eat well and feel cheerful.

With Peace & Affection



P.S. If you can send some soap powder I would be grateful, but not "Vogue" as I had to stop it since my digestion is affected by its salt. The sample you gave was "No Salt" and much easier for my digestion. I believe the name {illegible} BARTH or close to it.

## L43.469

469 - 470

Envelope to Kenneth T. Hurst

Undated<sup>278</sup>

Kenneth T. Hurst  
Mountain View East  
696 Sierra Vista Lane  
Valley Cottage  
New York 10989  
Etats Unis d'America

## L41.471

471 - 474

Handwritten letter from PB to Kenneth

Undated

May I ask a couple of questions, dear Kenneth...

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<sup>278</sup> Postmark is illegible.

You sent me a book and pamphlet several months (or longer) ago about the troubles concerning my health. Then dealt with my coordination of hand, arms, speech, spelling etc. Then came the one on STROKES! This was a bombshell, Paralalys or semi-ditto

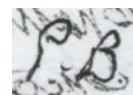
Just then I also heard from my doctors Jean Morier-Genoud, or rather went to see {illegible} about something else - acupuncture and sent me back to Dr Fisk who had treated me last year by that method for other things. I have been with him since and got a weekly treatment. (In Lusane) plus homeopathic medicines. I believe he has benefitted me so I can continue with him and I am active and optimistic.

The question I ask {illegible} was it from him or from Dr Morier that you first heard of my danger of possible paralysis? Please do tell me. I need to know. Yesterday I got the new broth {illegible} which replaces the salt kind. Many thanks. It is excellent.

I<sup>279</sup> am interested still in the teachings and talks you give so please remember.

I notice you sat that you have received the Indian publicity of {illegible} of Poona. Queen Frederica was his great enemy because of a nephew of hers was his disciple and lived in his ashram. {He} claimed he was {sex}-mad and evil. She attributed death to him. He is starting campaigns in the USA just now.

Well, with peace and affection



PS Are you able to read my writing? Please let me know

**L43.475**

475 - 476

Handwritten letter from Kenneth to PB

June 4, 1981

Your May 24 letter was very welcome, dear PB-

(1) and I am glad your handwriting has improved so greatly. And that your health is satisfactory. I am interested in the acupuncture.

(2) I mailed you two jars of the Bank soup powder two days ago. And I will bring more with me in October.

(3) Apropos of which could you please advance my hotel reservation by two days to arrive on Oct. 4, Sunday? Departure remains Oct. 12. The reason is I have decided to participate in Dr Stuart Grayson's Religious Science seminar the precious week in Lucerne. (He succeeded Dr Barker as minister of the New York Church.) He will hold daily lectures and workshops. Some of my local group are going too.

(4) So I'll fly to Zurich from London, and thence to Lucerne on Sept. 28.

And back to Zurich and fly to Geneva on Oct. 4.

(5) Chambre sans toilette is acceptable. Thank you for taking care of this.

(6) My talk went very well but unfortunately I did not record it. Nor do I write out my talks - just work from notes.

People have since told me they are using the exercises I described. I find people

are eager for down-to-earth aids they<sup>280</sup> can use everyday - so I talk in those terms. I am now planning my next one, "Practical Techniques for Successful Living."

I am due to give a short talk this Sunday in New York to Grayson's group.

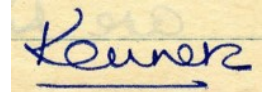
(7). The other items in your letter we can discuss during my visit.

(8). I will try to buy the Emmet Fox biography myself! I quoted Elbert Hubbard in my last talk.

(9) I saw Donald Weiser at the booksellers' convention in Atlanta last week. He said they plan to reprint WOTO soon and promised to check the copyright page with me.

(10) You asked me to find out how long flesh takes to disintegrate following death. I have found out from two morticians that the process starts in about five days, and normally takes about ten years. But there is a thin covering which lasts longer - up to 100 years; You've seen it on mummies in museums. Whether that would affect in incarnations, I do not know. The skeleton can last much longer.

With all my love,



**L43.477**

477 - 478

Letter from KTH to Margaret

August 24, 1981

Mrs Edward H. Spicer  
3700 Dean Drive, Apt. 1006  
Ventura, California 93003

Dear Margaret:

Thank you very much for your August 14 letter.

And for the correspondence between Ted and Ned. It was most interesting. I had been to Ned's home in Calcutta, and to a Rotary luncheon there with him, and even had him over here to Prentice-Hall at one of our Executive Staff Breakfasts!

By the way, I myself joined Rotary two years ago, and am quite active. I've visited several clubs around the world, and have spoken to a few. I think Ted would be pleased.

There is a possibility I may attend the booksellers convention next Memorial weekend in Anaheim. Is that far from Ventura?

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

KTH/sr

**L43.479**

479 - 482

Letter from Margaret to Kenneth  
August 14, 1981

Dear Kenneth:

Thank you for your very understanding letter of August 3, telling me of the death of our beloved PB on July 27. In retrospect, I realize it came as no surprise. For the past two weeks I have been disturbed (almost distressed) for a reason I could not understand. During that period, PB crossed my mind many many times and Ted seemed much closer than he has been in recent years. So perhaps now they have been fortunate enough to meet again.

I am happy that you could be with him during those last hours. It was a privilege, given to few, to be one of the little "family" that surrounded him. I am only sorry he never made another trip to California - the last was the year Ted died. We know we shall all meet again, but it is still sad when the ties that bind us on this physical plane are severed.

I know you knew Nitish (Ned) Laharry. He was an Indian barrister, educated at Oxford, whose home was in Calcutta. He represented Columbia Pictures in India, and went on to become President of R.I. But did you ever hear the story of how he and Ted and PB became associated?

In 1958, Laharry published an article in The Rotarian on New Delhi which impressed Ted so that he wrote a letter to the magazine expressing his pleasure and another to Ned Laharry himself. In replying to Ted's letter Ned Laharry asked Ted if he had ever come across an Englishman by the name of Paul Brunton and said how very much he would like to meet him. PB was sitting in our living room when that letter arrived.

Anyway, I came across the enclosed correspondence which Ted had in his files. I copied it in the event you might enjoy reading it - throw it away when you have done so.

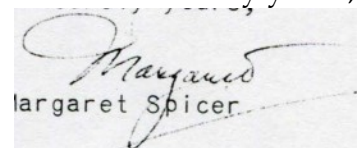
Ted, Sue and the children, have moved to Redding, which is up near Mt. Shasta. It is beautiful country and I was up there early in June. It is an awkward place to get to since there are no direct flights, and most of your time is spend going from terminal to terminal rather than in the air. But it is a little far to drive in one day - over 600 miles.<sup>281</sup>

So<sup>282</sup> now I am quite alone in Ventura so far as any family is concerned. In any event, I am a little short on relatives whether here or elsewhere. I still enjoy being by the water and the freedom from excessive heat and the smog.

I hope your health has continued to improve. If you are ever to be in the Los Angeles area, I do with you would let me know. I do not mind driving and could meet you for a short visit.

Again thank you so much for writing me about PB

Sincerely yours,



Margaret Spicer

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<sup>281</sup> "P.T.O" is written at bottom of the page.

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**L43.483**

483 - 484

Science of Mind Center's event schedule

Schedule shows events for August 1981 and lists names of individuals who provided flowers.

*Extract: "August 23rd - For "IN MEMORY OF MOTHER" Kenneth T. Hurst"*

**L43.485**

485 - 486

Photograph

This is a poor quality black and white copy of a photograph showing 4 people.

*Extract: None*

**L43.487**

487 - 488

Science of Mind Center's event schedule

Schedule shows events for August 1983 and lists names of individuals who provided flowers

*Extract: "August 21 Ken Hurst: "In Memory Of My Mother"*

**L43.489**

489 - 490

Handwritten notes by Kenneth  
Undated

- (1) Gus, Doris & MumMum lived at Muswell Hill
- (2) D caught bad TB from girl in office, hospitalised long time
- (3) G took D to live @ Southend - brasing sea air.
- (4) Long way from his job @ {illegible}, so moved to {illegible} minster
- (5) D's TB re-erupted, & M caught it, M went to live with Guivers (& took M to live with them)
- (6) M in Sanitorium, D died at home
- (7) M died & G remarried & died @ Ilford.
- (8) B heart attack 1968? Died June 1971
- (9) L died Jan 31, 1972
- (10) Mor died Aug 24, 1972

(11) PB died July 27, 1981

### L43.491

491 - 492

Handwritten notes by Kenneth  
Aug 22/23, 1983

#### Dream on Anniversary of Mor's Death

(1) I am back at old home #15. Len and I are in the house alone. I decide to go to bed. I go out to kitchen and lock door, & pantry door & then go out into garden. I see light on in outhouse. "Oh, Len left it on," I think & go in to switch it off. Then I realize I can't go back thru the house so I climb over garden fence into our driveway. "If the neighbors see me, they'll know it's me" I think. Dream ends, but I awake feeling heavily burdened.

### L43.493

493 - 494

Writing by Kenneth  
Undated

#### I SAW AN APPARITION

Kenneth Thurston Hurst

I awoke sharply and fully. The time was exactly 1:30 a.m. Suddenly, I was aware of the presence of my mother. "Impossible," I thought, "she's 3000 miles away in England."

Just then I saw her standing by my bed. But something was different -- for she was dressed in the "flapper" attire of the 1920s, with short skirt, close-fitting hat, and her face was youthful and unlined. She was smiling at me, a beautiful, radiant, loving smile. Her presence was overpowering, and I pinched myself to make sure I was awake. Gradually she faded away, and I was left staring into the darkness - wondering.

Next morning a telephone call from London announced that my mother had died at 7:30 a.m. local time; allowing for the six-hour time difference with New York, that was precisely the moment she had appeared to me.

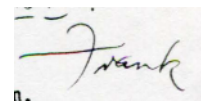
But why had I seen her as a young woman? Then I knew! It was her way of telling me that she no longer suffered, that she was free from bodily pain, and that she was commencing a glorious ascent to Heaven. The power of maternal love had triumphed over space and distance. And I knew that my mother was all right.

"Death, where is thy sting?" --it had none!

[Ken: I trust that this version is OK. It will be in Fall 1983 of SF.]<sup>283</sup>

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<sup>283</sup> "Ken: I trust that this version is OK. It will be in Fall 1983 of SF." is handwritten at the top of the page.



### L43.495

495 - 497

Handwritten postcard to Riley from Uncle PB<sup>284</sup>

To: Mr Riley Hurst  
Les Etats Unis

My<sup>285</sup> dear Riley -

It is with great pleasure that I send you the latest portrait of my friend, {Mlle}, Kitty, who is the Beauty Queen of the Swiss felines. She was very interested when I told her what a handsome gentleman you are. She says, "would you be interested to be her Pen-Pal?"

She awaits your answer breathlessly.



### L43.497

497 - 498

Telephone Message from Dr Brunton to Mr Hurst  
Oct.3 4 P.M.

Room 125

Dr Brunton phoned.

He is going out of the state - will get in touch<sup>286</sup> with<sup>287</sup> you on Tuesday.

### L43.499

499 - 502

Handwritten letter from Kenneth to PB  
Undated

Your letter postmarked July 12 was appreciated, dear PB.

{{(1)}} I'll convey The Quest changes to Don Weiser for his next printing once I hear from him with his new address, etc..\*

{{(2)}} We can discuss this problem(s) in person at our next meeting.

(3) No reply received from Mrs Jennings but I'm sure she will accede to our request. I will check next year's annual listing and follow up if necessary.

(4) Gordon Press did not reply to my local library's letter. They surely would

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<sup>284</sup> Letter is signed by PB and written by Kenneth.

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<sup>286</sup> "(over)" is written in bottom right corner of the page.

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have had they a set for sale. So I think the matter is settled.

(5) I am very glad you are recovering so well from your hernia operation. I hope your groceries can be delivered by others or the stores.

(6) My back is fully better. The muscle spasm occurs less frequently than in previous years. This was first time this year.

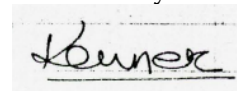
(7) May I visit you September 30 through October 5? If convenient to you, would you kindly make a reservation for me at the hotel (Famille?) next to Vevey Station where I stayed in February? Thank you.

(8) I'll phone McDermott at Riders whilst in London. Is there anything I can do or get for you there?

(9) It inspires me to re-read that whole chapter on emotions!! They are still a big problem for me. Otherwise all goes well. Last week university<sup>288</sup> - and they have invited me back next summer. And Radcliffe College (The women's branch of Harvard University) want me to address them next year!

(10) My "mini-sermons" are extemporaneous and apparently the more effective thereby. I find myself getting such thoughts almost daily. And of course I read a lot along those lines \* which in turn breeds variations on a theme. (\*practical living a la Elbert Hubbard, Emerson and Ernest Holmes.) I know it is true. And it works. The problem is bearing it in mind 24 hours a day!!

With all my love,



## L43.503

503 - 504

Handwritten notes by Kenneth  
Undated

To: Re "live life First Class!"

1) PB told me in 1947 in Dayton, Ohio that my role in life would be to present the spiritual truths he uncovered in very simple basic terms to appeal to beginners on the quest.

2) In "Discover Yourself" he wrote: "We must now make these truths plain not only for the man in the street but for the man in the back street."

3) PB encouraged me to develop this style and to use in in business to inject spiritual thoughts into newsletters, etc.

4) In Feb 1981 at our {penultimate} meeting he told me I should retire and write a book along these lines, "easy-to-read" he said, to appeal to general public.

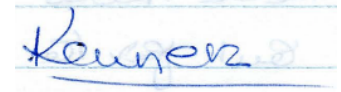
5) That was the genesis of LLFC, written in three months. At least 80% of content directly reflects PB's teaching - which I have applied in daily life.

6) The book met its mark, sold 5000 copies in two years. I have a stack of letters from readers attesting to its efficacy as an instrument of PB.

7) I feel LLFC supplements PB's teaching and should therefore be published by

Larson to keep it in the family. But knowing the PBPF financial straits, I offered to self-finance it and thereby be enabled to make an additional \$5000 donation to PBPF. It need only be listed with other Larson titles,<sup>289</sup> no special promotion.

8) I find it hard to regard a rejection by the PBPF Board as other than a rebuff to PB too, and in that context must seriously examine my future relationship to PBPF.



**L43.505**

505 - 506

Handwritten notes by Kenneth  
Undated

(1) Ask Len re Bhikku - tell reminiscences to PB {illegible}

(2) 'New' souls - {proper expression}

(2) Evolved 2 arrivals (b) from other {illegible} planets

(3) War veterans hardened, brutal and selfish.

(3) Letter and PB - Bring P-I{t} letterhead.

- sorry our earlier meeting postponed {to} this week.

- confirm cannot publish 'The Reality of Religion' no chance - Weiser

Will send addresses of {Orientalia} etc and other {illegible} to PB.

Tell Joey and {Marg}: Fate - but still existing in other realm. They can contact it by thought and sending love - in meditation. {It} could reincarnate quickly again in same family next life. They have taken {illegible} special view and benefited.

10:45 - TWA - Wed

Tuesday

1)BEA

2)TWA

3) {illegible} Street

5000 - 5000

Flashes<sup>290</sup> of illumination, etc. serve beyond {obvious} inspirational benefit to remind us to

(1) Have faith that the Spirit is there -- and when it discloses itself to us to be

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grateful -- but to continually know it is there -- intensely based on the experience.

(2) Understanding of the experience {(illegible)}

- of spirit vs. material

-This is behind all things

Think back to LSD.

Kennedy{'s} soul was shown before birth his mission and martyrdom.

-His WWII experience prepared him for it - he reacted favourably, saw and set his idealistic policies for future and mankind. Broken not so deep but still idealist. {Jackie} not so intellectual, not up to his level.

## L43.507

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Duplicate of page 3 of letter L43.463

## L43.511

511 - 512

Letter from Paul Brunton to E.P. Dutton & Co., Inc.

Montreux, Switzerland<sup>292</sup>

November 10, 1972

E.P. Dutton & Co., Inc.  
201 Park Avenue South  
New York, N.Y. 10002  
att: Royalty Department

Gentlemen:

Thank you for my royalty statements through April 1972, and remittance report covering payment of \$136.40 to Swiss Bank Corporation, Montreux, Switzerland. Also the Form 10425 US tax statement for 1971.

Please make two very important corrections to your records for all future statements:

1. US Treasury Form 10425: Item #4 COUNTRY. This should be Switzerland, and not England. I am fully resident in Switzerland since three years ago. (My London forwarding address is used only for mail.)

2. United States Withholding Tax: I am informed by the Internal Revenue Service that there is no US Withholding Tax necessary on my royalties from sales in USA because of the taxation treaties between USA and Switzerland, and USA and United Kingdom. Therefore, please do not make this deduction in future.

Kindly acknowledge these instructions.

Yours truly,

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<sup>291</sup> This physical page is an original and not a copy; L43.463. is a copy of the original.

<sup>292</sup> The phrase "Reply to Permanent Mail Address" is typed at top of page by original typist.

Pave Buntson

**L43.513**

513 - 516  
Duplicate of L43.499