

Damiani Letters

Editor's Note: This collection of letters was donated to the archives by Louis Damiani. The majority of the letters are from 1950 through 1955, with a concentration of them in 1951 – the year that PB got married to Evangeline Young (now Glass). Although many of the years are in curly brackets, which indicate that the year was not noted in the letter, the location and month pinpoint PB's location in all these. For once, we know when and where he was! While the majority of the letters are about 'secretarial' matters, or personal events, such as Anthony moving his family to California, there are a few of more psychological or philosophic substance. There is one letter, L48.071 by Romaine Stevens, which is to Anthony and refers to him as "sweetie"; she most certainly did not mean that romantically – if anything it was sarcastic. The two rarely saw eye to eye, and Romaine was not romantically interested in men. Even so, they were often thrown together as PB students living in NYC and both functioned as his local surrogate from time to time. The Wikinotes file offers more information on her. Some other early American PB followers are also mentioned, such as Dan Franz and Charlie Mirra. While we know them to have been in contact with PB in the '50s, we have little biographical information to offer. Such as there is can also be found in "Wiki Standard Info for Comments." Since these letters were scanned before we were able to decipher the dates, they are out of chronological order. We have therefore provided a chronological table of them below. In all other respects this file has been formatted as have the other Letter files.

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 stationery 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. Note that the depth of paragraph indentation was a style used to indicate the degree of familiarity or intimacy with the reader; no indentation used for business or cold ill-willed letters, while extreme indentation indicated informality or intimacy.

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

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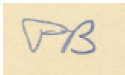
L48.001 {1951}

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Letter to Anthony Damiani from PB
{circa 1951-1952}¹

P.S. When you prepared the black steel trunk of valuable papers and dispatched it here, did you come across a large brown envelope titled "CHANGES IN TEXT OF PB'S FUTURE EDITIONS" or similar? It contained many notes for revisions and alterations in the PB writings. I can't find it here but may have taken it to Mexico, where some of my stuff has been delayed, although my memory does not record its arrival.

Perhaps you might look around for it at your leisure – there is no immediate hurry – and I don't want it to delay the items sent for on the numbered list



[PB]²

L48.003 1947, November 4

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Letter to Anthony Damiani from PB
Route 2, Box 559,

¹ We inserted "circa 1951-1952" per context. This postscript has been separated from its original letter, which must have been written sometime after PB returned from Mexico to California in mid-November of 1951.

² PB himself inserted "PB" by hand.

Rancho Las Palmillas,
Tucson, Arizona.
November 4th, 1947

My dear Tony,

The past two weeks have been busy with the settling-down process and the organisation of my new home and staff. Right in the desert here it's quiet and peaceful. We never see any visitors, but yet we are not too far from town. Naturally I am working hard on the new book.

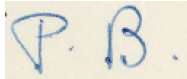
I want to thank you again for the assistance which you gave at Harmon and which was much appreciated.

I shall be interested to learn what progress you make with your plan for reshaping your own future life and home. My good wishes go out to you in this endeavour. You have been making rather rapid progress spiritually this year, so I recommend that you try above all to keep your balance, with your feet well planted on earth, even though your head is straining toward heavens.

Owing to the reorganisation of the work here, I find we need another typewriter. Would you be willing to sell your Corona typewriter? If so, I would like to buy it from you. Get into touch at once with Kenneth, who is coming down here to join our staff and who could take delivery of the machine from you and bring it with him personally.

From 9 to 6 every day he is employed at the following address: Kassel Export Co., 2 Stone Street, New York, 4, N.Y. The telephone number is: BOwling Green 9-0454. As soon as you let me know the price of the typewriter, I will send you the money. Kenneth however may be leaving this week-end from New York to Arizona, so it is advisable for you to get in communication with him immediately.

Peace and blessing be with you.



[PB]³

P.S. – As Kenneth has moved from where he lived before, the following is his full name, new residence address and new phone:

Kenneth Hurst,
1 Ridge Road,
Croton-on-Hudson,
N.Y.
Phone: Croton 765

L48.005 1947, December 8

5 - 8

³ PB himself inserted "PB" by hand.

Letter to Anthony Damiani from PB
Rancho las Palmillas,
Route Two, Box 559,
Tucson, Arizona.
December 8th, 1947.

Your two letters dated November 20th and 24th were safely received by me, Tony, and I have already answered them mentally.

Thank you for the typewriter which was received in good order. Since you insist on my accepting it as a gift from your wife and yourself, I shall be pleased to do so. However, I accept it only on the condition that in turn you and your wife accept the Christmas gift which I shall mail you in the near future.

The book by Hyam⁴ entitled "Wisdom with Power"⁵ is one which I already possess among my own books. I have been in touch with the author over a number of years, and therefore there is no need for you to do anything in this matter.

The services you rendered me at Harmon were most warmly appreciated and your labours were of great assistance. I also appreciate your offer to render similar service again, but at the present time there is no opportunity for me to avail myself of your offer – and next May I am hoping to visit Europe for the summer.

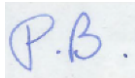
I do not find Tucson and Arizona quite suitable for my purposes owing to the extremely high cost of living; most foodstuffs have to be imported from Los Angeles and Mexico and the variety and quality of the food is none too agreeable. Probably I will try California for residence next winter on my return from Europe.

The fluctuating moods through which you pass are common to many aspirants. This is because you have yet to go through the battle of Reason against Emotion and to make your emotions the servants of your thought-out principles of living. However, I have no doubt but that you will make excellent progress, and after all the Path is a life-time task, so you must not be too impatient but do what you can when you can. You ask me for a subject for meditation... why not take this one, this point which I have just given you... the value and the necessity and the methods of disciplining emotion by reason?⁷

Do not think that I have forgotten you – I never forget those who do not forget me. Please give my peace to Gerry and accept it for yourself and your wife.

If there is any worldly service I can do for you, never hesitate to ask. Would a certificate of your work for me be useful? Or perhaps a testimonial of some kind might be helpful?

Affectionately,



⁴ Referring to Aaron Hyam.

⁵ "Wisdom with Power: The Dawn of the Mental Era" was published in 1945.

⁶ Page 7

⁷ PB himself change period to question mark by hand.

[PB]⁸

L48.009 {1951} July 20

9 - 12

Letter to Anthony Damiani from PB
Hollywood {California}
July 20 {1951}⁹

Dear Tony,

This is to inform you that after receipt of this letter all letters are to be forwarded to the following new address.

P. Brunton
en casa de Masson,
Calle E. Zapata 45,
CUERNAVACA, Morelos.
Mexico

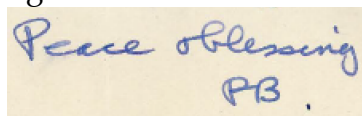
The postage for ordinary, airmail and registered letters remains the same as inside USA. Only difference is for "Special Delivery" which costs 20 cents.¹⁰

Cuernavaca is the name of the town.

Do not hesitate to write me about any problems arising out of the request re moving from Lincoln, mentioned in my previous letters, whether to enquire discuss or suggest, or to get money in advance needed for it.

Mexico is like India in many ways and I am fated to work on the most important part of the new book there!

I have not seen a single person in California as my visit was too brief and there was too much to do; so no one has been told of the visit; please keep it quiet too. Now I am off again.



[Peace and blessing
PB]¹¹

PS¹² In the previous letter I sent 4 keys for the locked trunks containing my valuable papers etc. I believe that the contents can all be crammed into the single small

⁸ PB himself inserted "PB" by hand.

⁹ We inserted "1951" per context; while PB was at this specific address (the Masson's) in July of both 51 and 54, he was only in Mexico in 51. TJS 20

¹⁰ Anthony Damiani inserted underline by hand.

¹¹ PB himself inserted "Peace & blessing
PB" and "(over)" at the bottom of the page by hand.

¹² Page 10

heavy think steel trunk, with the exception of course of the large book "WHO KNOWS AND WHAT" and its companion "WHO'S WHO IN THE EAST" (if it is there) which can be removed and put with Office equipment. But if you find you cannot get it all in, then let me know and I will tell you what else to leave out.

[PPS¹³ In answer to your question you can put my cartons in storage, after shipping them with yours. About half of my things may be stored at the following, where I already have some:

Dr BEN PUSHKIN
521 South Western Avenue
Los Angeles (5).]

Herewith please find cheque for mailing expenses etc. omitted in error from the letter sent you a few days ago.

For Dr Paul Brunton.
Mail address C/O Grindlays Ltd.
54 Parliament St.
London S.W.I.

(Travelling in Europe.) [Leave England for the Continent about a day or two before you get this letter)

Please send 20 plastic toothpicks inside the next batch of mail
Yes, only 1st class mail is to come by air, and all other by steamer.

I suggest you postpone the move to California as long as you conveniently can, in view of Ella May's profitable job. This will help you to save some money for a start off in the new state.]

L48.013 1950 September 3

13 - 14

Letter to Anthony Damiani from PB
London¹⁴

3rd September 1950

Dear Tony,

I left America last March and have been travelling in different European countries.

Although I got your letter, I could not answer you earlier, nor even now can I advise you what to do about your college studies. In such worldly problems you must use your best judgment or get the best advice from those able and willing to give it.

¹³ Page 11. The text at the top and bottom of this page (in brackets) was inserted by hand by PB himself; only the middle section was typed.

¹⁴ PB's NYC mailing address is typed at the top of the page: "545 Fifth Avenue, New York 17, U.S.A."

As regards question No. 3, I do not know any suitable composition teacher for Salmirs,¹⁵ but the following persons would undoubtedly know and would advise him if he mentions my name: Michel and Tom Wilt, 127 Riverside Drive, New York 24.

With regard to question No. 2, I have no intention of settling anywhere, therefore for you to go and live in California with the idea that I should settle there, would be a mistake. I do, however, expect to go into retreat in California early next year and to spend several months there, and I also expect to return to Europe later on and to live there more than in America.

With regard to question No. 4. Yes, you and your wife may see me after I return to America. I shall sail about the end of this month and will spend the end of October and a couple of weeks of November somewhere near New York City. So if you write to me again, early next month, I should try if possible to arrange an appointment, although I am closing down on most appointments these days.

[With good wishes and affection
PB]¹⁶

L48.015 {1949} December 19

15 - 16

Letter to Anthony Damiani from PB
Box 34, Cooper Station
New York 3
Dec 19 {1949}¹⁷

Dear Tony,

I want to talk to you and your wife.

Please give me a phone number where I could reach you, and the time when you are there, or would be there. Then I shall phone and make an appointment.

Perhaps we could all lunch together.

affectionate regards

¹⁵ Referring to Bert Salmirs, Anthony's friend (a pianist by profession) and a student of PB. — TJS, 2020

¹⁶ PB himself inserted "With good wishes and affection PB" by hand.

¹⁷ PB was in NYC in December of the years 1949 and 1956; however, by the latter date, he had a personal relationship with Ella May and would have referred to her by name, not just as "your wife." — TJS, 2020

[PB]¹⁸

L48.017 1951 April 29

17 - 18

Letter to Anthony Damiani from PB

Room 736

Edgewater Beach [Hotel]¹⁹

5300 Block Sheridan Road

Chicago 40, Illinois

April 29, 1951²⁰

My Dear Tony,

According to your generous offer, I have relieved Romaine²¹ of the work of picking up Box 34 mail, as it is becoming difficult for her. I plan to close down the use of this box altogether on December 31st of this year. Please let me know whether it is possible for you to attend to it until then.

It need be cleared once a week only; if however at any time you are under pressure and can't make it, that won't matter if the clearance is ten days or so after the previous one.

I expect to remain here in Chicago until sometime in July but anyway please continue to forward mail to the above address until you get a new one from me. Kindly keep my address strictly confidential; there are no exceptions for anyone. I have gone into full retreat and see no one. For the next 7 months I have to limit my desk work to 2 or 3 hours and divide the rest of the day between meditation and the new book. I am living on the outskirts of the city, where it is very quiet and only a sandy beach and a lake that fills all the horizon in front of window.

There are certain items left at the Lincoln Storage Room No. I, 1517. Would you be so kind as to search for them, pack them in a small carton and mail them to me here? They are: (a) The "Traveler" Ultraviolet ray Sunlamp, small size, gold colour. (If possible, send with it the dark-glass special plastic goggles; they are not spectacles but projecting fish eyes!) Also (b) Small bottle of Andersons Mixed Herbs. ([A 2nd small bottle made by]²² [mixing]²³ together some of the other kind, of which there are several.) (c) Toothbrush. It must be hard; a soft one is useless. (d) 20 small envelopes, plain white. 7

¹⁸ PB himself inserted "PB" by hand.

¹⁹ Aside from "Room 736," the address is from the hotel's letterhead. PB himself deleted "On the Lake" from below "Hotel" by hand.

²⁰ "April 29.51" in the original.

²¹ Referring to Lorraine Stevens, who often went by Romaine.

²² PB himself changed "If you can't find them then" to "A 2nd small bottle made by" by typing over the original phrase with x's and typing the new one in the left margin and inserting it with a caret by hand.

²³ PB himself changed "mix" to "mixing" by hand.

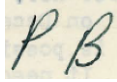
grey envelopes, 10 small airmail envelopes, 4 plain legal size (long) envelopes, 4 airmail legal envelopes. (e) About 30 small pins, 20 long pins, 20 smallest size baby rubber bands, 20 Gem paper clips or fasteners. (f) one soup bowl. (g) [1]²⁴ box Brazil Matte herb [tea.]²⁵ (h) 1 tablet Vegetable Oil soap (must not be ordinary soap), 6 [sheets]²⁶ letter size (approx 10" x 8") Inferior Carbon Paper. (i) 25 sheets grey printed letterheads with 545 5th Avenue address. (j) 2 sports shirts, of the thinnest lightest [weight.]²⁷

I²⁸ shall be grateful to you for these things. I don't know where the ultraviolet lamp is packed. It is a very small travel-size item, which I returned to the store room a few days before departure from NYC

Kindly accept the enclosed dollar bill as a start towards refunding postage on the readdressed mail; the carton refund will be added to my next dollar remittance

Let me know how you are getting on from time to time.

With my peace and blessing to you and Ella May²⁹



[PB]³⁰

L48.019 {1951} May 18

19 - 20

Letter to Anthony Damiani from PB³¹

Room 736

Edgewater Beach [Hotel]³²

5300 Block Sheridan road

Chicago 40, Illinois

May 18 {1951}³³

Dear Tony:

²⁴ PB himself deleted "Brown gummed sealing paper, about" from before "1" by typing over it with x's.

²⁵ PB himself deleted "Also the same an equal quantity of loose China Real Tea (not bags)" from after "tea." by typing over it with x's.

²⁶ "sheets" was typed below the line and inserted with an arrow by hand by PB himself.

²⁷ A section of the page including "(k)" was cut out.

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²⁹ "Ellma" in the original.

³⁰ PB himself inserted "PB" by hand.

³¹ This page was entirely handwritten by PB himself.

³² Aside from "Room 736," the address is from the hotel's letterhead. PB himself deleted "On the Lake" from below "Hotel" by hand.

³³ We inserted 1951 per context.

The 2nd batch of mail sent by you was air-mailed. Please note that this is wrong. Send it [all]³⁴ cheaper way, that is, train mail.

I am waiting to know whether or not it is possible for you to collect from 545 5th Ave [once weekly]³⁵ the printed matter mail (advertising booklets [catalogs]³⁶ periodicals etc) and parcels? Please let me know, as if you cannot I must seek someone else. I dislike imposing more burdens on you, knowing how you are placed, so please do not accept this one unless you really can conveniently manage it.

If acceptable, the material can accumulate in your house for 2-3 weeks (but not at Allen's)³⁷ and then all put in one paper wrapped parcel and sent me, again by the cheapest way. I am in no hurry for this 2nd 3rd and 4th class mail and content to wait until you have enough pieces to make a package. This means less work for you.

Remember the importance of balance – and keeping your feet on earth. My permission to read my books is subject to your not becoming unbalanced by them! They are safe for me as I have long since emerged from the unbalance you hover at the edge of – in the sense of renouncing the world outwardly.

affectionately, PB.

L48.021 1951 May 24

21 - 22

Letter to Anthony Damiani from PB³⁸

Room 736

Edgewater Beach Hotel³⁹

On the Lake

5300 Block Sheridan Road

Chicago 40, Illinois

May 24, 1951

My dear Tony,

The large carton of warehouse items was received in very bad condition. The string was hanging 2 inches loose so had become useless. The carton itself was in pieces. All the fragile items inside were smashed to pieces. To profit by this experience may I make the following suggestions: 1) The carton should always be enclosed inside a second one. 2) Do not use [soft]⁴⁰ thin flimsy cartons: they do not endure post workers' handling.

³⁴ PB himself inserted "all" by hand.

³⁵ PB himself inserted "once weekly" by hand.

³⁶ PB himself inserted "catalogs" by hand.

³⁷ We believe Allen's is the service at 545 Fifth Avenue in NYC which PB used as a mailing address.

³⁸ This letter was entirely handwritten by PB himself.

³⁹ Aside from "Room 736," the address is from the hotel's letterhead.

⁴⁰ PB himself inserted "soft" by hand.

3) Use thicker string. 4) Enclose fragile items inside little but strong cartons or metal boxes, as special protection. 4) Feel free to use any of the packing or posting material you can find in the warehouse room 1517 – paper, cartons, string, envelopes, flat boxes, anything. 5) Insure all packages of warehouse material or register them. This is to get them better handling.

Thank you and Ella May⁴¹ for the jam but I do not eat this anymore. Sorry. Do not send gifts again, anyway: thoughts are better.

I⁴² have left it to Romaine to explain all the details of the 545 [5th avenue]⁴³ work: you can always phone her when in doubt on any point.

Nothing further is required from the warehouse to replace the broken things, I have now bought them locally here. Also, for your instruction, the jacket, and 2 trousers you sent were medium weight, not summer weight tropical suits. So perhaps you should have enquired further from me if in doubt whether they were right. There are no summer weight ones left in NYC, evidently, so I have bought them locally now. The suits you sent, together with the heavy ones I brought with me, will be sent to you for warehousing in a month's time. Meanwhile, in a few days, I shall send you a carton of various small items for warehousing.

I enclose a dollar towards expenses.

I am grateful for the added work you have taken on, but I wonder still how you can cope with it. It would not be practicable to use your Staten Island address. But what do you say to my abandoning the Allen address in favour of Box 34 again? It would take some months to arrange, of course.

Peace and affection

PB

[If Mr James LEIGH from London, arriving NYC this week, wants my hotel address from Allen's, they may give it to them.]⁴⁴

L48.023 1951 June 18

23 - 24

Letter to Anthony Damiani from PB⁴⁵

Room 736

Edgewater Beach Hotel⁴⁶

On the Lake

5300 Block Sheridan Road

⁴¹ "Elma" in the original.

⁴² Page 22

⁴³ PB himself inserted "5th avenue" by hand.

⁴⁴ PB himself inserted "If Mr James LEIGH from London, arriving nyc this week, wants my hotel address from Allens, they may give it to them." in the left margin by hand.

⁴⁵ This letter was entirely handwritten by PB himself.

⁴⁶ Aside from "Room 736," the address is from the hotel's letterhead.

Chicago 40, Illinois
June 18, 1951

My dear Tony,

Your weekly mail has arrived regularly. However there is one further instruction to be noted. All printed material, whether catalogs, magazines, journals or advertising mimeographed circulars, are to be kept separate from letters. The latter are to be sent as usual by 1st class letter post. But the other material is to be put aside and kept for 2 [or 3]⁴⁷ weeks and then sent by "Parcel Post" in a single batch when you have accumulated enough. It will be necessary to affix the printed label (which you can buy at Woolworth) saying "Postmaster this may be opened for inspection etc."

My object in doing this is twofold 1st to save money, as 1st class letter post costs much more than 3rd or 4th class parcel post. 2nd: Most of this printed material is unimportant and often unsolicited advertising. I do not want it mixed with letters, which are the important thing. If doubtful you may open a package to see if it is Printed Matter. Usually the appearance, wrapping or bulk indicate it. Of course, you must not enclose a letter of your own, or anyone else's, with Parcel Post, as that is against P.O. rules. And you may remove the wrappers of the printed things to keep down bulk.

Next time you visit the warehouse (no hurry) you might send me about ¼ to ½ lb. of Tea, preferably in powder form if there, if not then in bags. Also 3 or 4 feet of gummed brown paper sealing tape.

Always acknowledge receipt of the packages I send you (such as the large carton last week) of items for warehouse storage.

I enclose money order for \$5, as you will have to pay \$4 out of it to the Cooper Station Post Office ("Enquiry"⁴⁸ Window") being my rent of the lockbox 34 due about June 25th or 26th. The other \$1 is toward postages.

Yes you may certainly use the small radio until I return to NYC. I hope you enjoy its music.

The young fellow in Frank's restaurant should be left to decide himself which language to read the books. However I cannot lend him my own Italian copy as I must preserve it in perfect condition for certain purposes. He could write to the publisher in Verona.

Why let all this confusion (mental) overwhelm you? Surrender that too, to the higher power - and be resigned and patient. Smile at the ego's mental states (that is what it is) and know that they will pass.

The feeling of another presence at night may be good or bad; it depends on what other feeling accompanies it. Anyway it is psychic, not spiritual, and not to be encouraged! Just nip it in the bud.

My statement that the Overself is unaffected by our actions does not contradict the use of will and need of thinning down the ego to prepare the right conditions for

⁴⁷ PB himself changed "3 or even" to "or 3" by hand.

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[ultimate]⁴⁹ transmutation. In the end we cease to use will but to do so prematurely would be useless.

My comment on renunciation is old stuff. Simply go on with outer duty while inwardly be with your deepest heart elsewhere – as you are now. But do it with patient resignation, not rebelliously. You are where your mind and heart are. Even in the change booth, you could be in Nirvana!

My Peace and affection

PB

L48.025 {1951} July 4

25 - 26

Letter to Anthony Damiani from PB⁵⁰

Brown Palace Hotel

Denver, Colorado

July 4 {1951}⁵¹

Dear Tony,

After this letter please redirect letters to the following address:

c/o Masson

2534 Park Oak Drive,

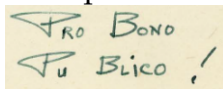
Hollywood, 28

California

I expect to leave Denver on [Sunday.]⁵²

The 2 items (tea etc) which I requested from the store room are not required any more, should you not have sent them yet. I shall probably stay several weeks in California.

With peace and affection

A small rectangular image showing two lines of handwritten text in blue ink. The first line reads "PRO BONO" and the second line reads "PU BLICO !".

Pro Bono

Pu Blico!⁵³

L48.027 1951 July 13

27 - 28

⁴⁹ PB himself inserted "ultimate" by hand.

⁵⁰ This letter was entirely handwritten by PB himself.

⁵¹ We inserted "1951" per context.

⁵² PB himself changed "Monday" to "Sunday" by hand.

⁵³ Possibly punning on "pro bono publico," meaning for the public good. – TJS, 2020

Letter to Anthony Damiani from PB⁵⁴
c/o J.V. Masson
2534 Park Oak Drive
Hollywood 28
California
July 13, 1951

Dear Tony,

Excuse paper. I have just arrived in California and have not unpacked my cases.

It is good to be here again. The climate is much better than New York's. If the job opportunities were not so much poorer, I would recommend it to you for bringing the family to live here. The tempo is slower, more like Europe's too. But I am told crowds of young men came here the last couple of years but could not find work.

Before I left NYC I removed the leather (or plastic) covers of my loose-leaf notebooks, so as to save weight in transport. Now I find I need them. Could you pack them in a double-carton and send⁵⁵ them by Railway Express, please. The ones I want are numbered on the [back]⁵⁶ spine outside. I do not need others. They are: # 1 to 10; [18 or 31];⁵⁷ Hence there are eleven Ring binders needed of about the same size, small; [to take 8½" x 5½" sheets.]⁵⁸ Then, if you can find them, I need two more of the larger size to take 8½" x 11" [pages:]⁵⁹ It does not matter if these two have numbers or not. Then I need two still larger binders to take legal size paper (8½" by 14"): A grand total of 15. If all are not there, send what is available. Thank you.

\$1 enclosed towards postages.

With peace and blessing

PB

L48.029 1951 July 26

29 - 30

Letter to Anthony Damiani from PB
Calle E. Zapata 45,
Cuernavaca, Morelos
Mexico
July 26, 1951

⁵⁴ This letter was entirely handwritten by PB himself on stationery from Bargain Bazaar in Los Angeles.

⁵⁵ Anthony Damiani inserted the underlines in this paragraph by hand.

⁵⁶ PB himself inserted "back" by hand; Anthony Damiani inserted underline by hand.

⁵⁷ PB himself changed "13 or 18" to "18 or 31" by hand; Anthony Damiani inserted underline below "18 or 31" by hand.

⁵⁸ PB himself inserted "to take 8½" x 5½" sheets" by hand; Anthony Damiani inserted underline by hand.

⁵⁹ PB himself deleted "(not the very largest)" from after "pages" by hand; Anthony Damiani inserted underline by hand.

Dear Tony,

Your first letter to Mexico came in today.

Your parcel post packets by which I presume you mean the printed matter, magazines, etc. in large envelopes, have been arriving in a satisfactory condition.

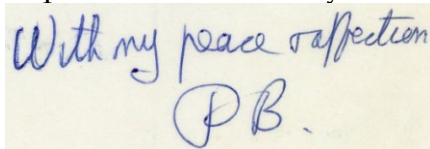
As I told you in a previous letter, Mr Masson is now ready to receive the trunk of valuables by Railway Express, so you may dispatch it to his office on West Fifth Street as soon as it is ready. There is nothing to pay for transport at your end if you send it "Collect," which I have arranged with him.

I gratefully accept your offer to store the remainder of the goods in a closet at your home. However, I am wondering how you can possibly get so many things in an ordinary-sized closet.

In that case it is no longer necessary to ship them to Dr Pushkin, so that plan is cancelled.

However, it will still be useful for you, I suppose, to avail yourself of assistance to pack the goods and transport them to Staten Island. As mentioned in the previous letter, Romaine's three weeks' vacation starts August 18th. If Jim is employed in a job he should not be asked for help, as I would not like him to give up his job. But if he is free, that is another matter. If he is going to help you I think the Lincoln people will require a written authority from me before they allow him to enter the room, but I will not send this until you know whether he is free and whether you will need him as well as Romaine. In any case, the work of packing and dispatching the single trunk of valuables is to be done without their help.

Here in Mexico I find that the cost of living is half what it was in the States and many things in the country and among the people remind me of my life in India. It is almost like revisiting India. Also the tempo of life is much slower and therefore it is easier to live a spiritual life. I think you would like it here.



[With my peace and affection
PB]⁶⁰

L48.031 1951 July 30

31 - 32

Letter to Anthony Damiani from PB
Calle E. Zapata 45,
Cuernavaca, Morelos

⁶⁰ PB himself inserted "With my peace and affection
PB" by hand.

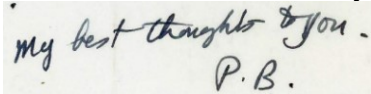
Mexico
July 30, 1951

Dear Tony,

Referring to my recent letter to you regarding the transfer of my effects from the storage at the Lincoln Co. to your closet, I should like you to leave my dictating equipment at the storage warehouse.

I am asking Romaine to sell the equipment for me by advertising it for sale in the New York papers. The entire dictating equipment, of course, consists of [both]⁶¹ the Gray Audograph dictating machine [and]⁶² the recording machine, and all the accessories such as the plastic records, microphone, etc. Please leave all this in storage at their present place.

When Romaine [hears from me and agrees,]⁶³ she will ask you to [give her]⁶⁴ the equipment in order that she may show it for inspection [and sell it.]⁶⁵

A small, rectangular piece of paper with handwritten text in cursive. The text reads "my best thoughts to you." on the first line and "P.B." on the second line.

[My best thoughts to you.
PB]⁶⁶

L48.033 {1951} July 31

33 - 34

Letter to Anthony Damiani from PB

Dr P. Brunton,
Calle E. Zapata 45,
Cuernavaca, Morelos,
Mexico
July 31 {1951}⁶⁷

Dear Tony,

⁶¹ PB himself inserted "both" by hand.

⁶² PB himself inserted "and" and deleted comma after "machine" by hand.

⁶³ PB himself changed "finds a suitable purchaser," to "hears from me and agrees," by hand.

⁶⁴ PB himself changed "obtain" to "give her" by hand.

⁶⁵ PB himself inserted "and sell it." by hand.

⁶⁶ PB himself inserted "My best thoughts to you.
PB" by hand.

⁶⁷ We inserted "1951" per context.

[I]⁶⁸ canceled the order for the carton of loose leaf binders in one of my previous letters so the statement in your letter of 7/29 that you will send it shortly means either that the letter did not reach you or that in the maze of instructions I have been sending you it got overlooked! However if already sent, no matter, it will be OK.

Your plan of attack on the warehouse seems effective except that Romaine is an expert packer so far as cartons are concerned and is willing to use her vacation for the job. But it does not start till 18 August so nothing could be done by her before then anyway. I am willing to wait until then rather than rob you of hours needed for sleep. She could do practically all the packing during her vacation and then you and Jim would have only the transportation to look after! Anyway do as you find you can do and I will accept any result; if you really can put in three days a week without suffering by it, OK.

None of this stuff will be moved to California as I have decided to keep it on the east coast after all, except for a few items for which I may send individually to you later in the year.

Also Jim has not offered to help, I have not been in correspondence with him, whereas Romaine has. I do not know his present situation as regards working hours. So if you prefer to do the job alone, it is OK; or if you want the partial help of one or both of these, also OK.

Yes, it is very important not to redirect parcel post mail to Mexico. There is an exceedingly heavy custom duty here for one thing and also parcels are held up for months at the frontier – so simply retain every kind of mail except letters – retain even periodical printed matters – and merely list them in your letters once or twice a month so that I may know they are with you.

I wrote you the other day that I am going to sell the whole dictating machine set: recorder, transcriber, earphones, microphone, loudspeaker, plastic records and paper index strips. I have asked Romaine to take it over from you and advertise it and sell it for me.

The “Special Delivery” letter which you sent me by ordinary mail was correctly handled. There are people who get very emotionally excited and do not have balance who usually send me such delivery letters and even telegrams; I usually refuse to give such missives special treatment since they are expressions of egoism. However when you write yourself on business matters that is different and you may use special delivery if you deem needful.

{You}⁶⁹ may now drop the words “en casa de Masson” from my address as the postman here is now acquainted with my name. Next time you are at Allen’s service, you may pass them the same information.

Every day I find this country and people reminiscent of my Indian life; but the mysticism is lacking here – I intend to make some research as to how far it existed before

⁶⁸ PB himself deleted “If it is not too late, you should not send the carton” from before “I” by typing over it with x’s.

⁶⁹ We deleted “Now” from before “You” as we believe PB intended to cross this out later (he would not have repeated the word “now” three words later, and he typed “You” and not “you.”

Christianity was implanted. Did you know that the Church destroyed all the pre-Christian books and slaughtered all the priests, seers and mystics? Is it any wonder that karma, the law of consequences, has brought persecution to the Church in turn, here in Mexico?

Thank you for the last paragraph of your letter but alas I am all too human and myself seek God's grace often.

P.B.

[PB]⁷⁰

L48.035 1951 August 19

35 - 36

Letter to Anthony Damiani from PB
Calle E. Zapata 45,
Cuernavaca, Morelos
Mexico
August 19, 1951

[Dear Tony]⁷¹

I have your letter of August 14th and am glad to find that the job of moving is well underway. I am most grateful to you for the attention you are giving to moving my effects and for your assistance.

I have already given the Lincoln Warehouse notice that I am vacating the storeroom by 14th September. Therefore, you may take your time over the job of transferring my effects to your place, as the storage rent will have been paid until the 14th anyway. So don't rush yourself.

As for the loose leaf ring book-binders which you ask me about in your letter, don't do anything with them. Simply keep them in storage at your home until I call for them.

Since I have found [now]⁷² that there are no customs duties on magazines and books coming to Mexico, only on parcels containing articles, you may send me the following journals:

Tierra y Libertad

Consumers Health Journal

Health Practitioners Journal

Prediction

Aquarian Path

Health & Life

⁷⁰ PB himself inserted "PB" by hand.

⁷¹ PB himself inserted "Dear Tony" by hand.

⁷² PB himself inserted "now" by hand.

Wait, however, until you have a batch of six to ten [pieces]⁷³ before you mail them to me. Then you can send them all in one batch. As regards the other [journals]⁷⁴ and other printed matter, keep them in storage in New York [but]⁷⁵ notify me as to their receipt.

Regarding the packing of my goods at your house, your idea of putting the suits in a closet and the shirts in the trunk is a good one, but all the rest of the material can be put in cartons or cases and labelled, including all material for office use and other things. Keep all keys in a safe place until I collect them from you personally.

Please don't send me more [redirected]⁷⁶ letters by airmail. Instead, send them to me via train [mail.]⁷⁷ Don't send them to me individually,⁷⁸ but put them in [an]⁷⁹ envelope or packet and mail them to me via the cheaper train mail, regardless of the fact that they may arrive at the Box 34 address via airmail.⁸⁰ The mail received at Box 34 will gradually increase in amount, as I am [gradually]⁸¹ shifting from Allen's Service to Box 34 for all of my mail. So this means that it may be necessary at a later date for you to send me two packets a week instead of one. I leave this [date]⁸² to your good judgment.

Regarding the postage to Mexico, the rates are exactly the same as in the U.S., except that Special Delivery costs 20¢ instead of 15¢.

In addressing letters to me, there is [now]⁸³ no need of adding "Care of Masson" on the address; just my name, followed by the street address.

I am enclosing a [sample]⁸⁴ copy of a mimeographed letter which I sometimes send out. There are about five different kinds of these mimeographed circulars and I should like you to send me about ten of each kind, but only the circulars containing the Box 34 address at the top heading. Please make a packet of these and mail them to me at this address. They [should]⁸⁵ come under the heading of "printed matter" as they will all be mimeographed sheets, hence can be mailed to me via second class postage which is cheaper. [They⁸⁶ are among the "SCRAP" paper in stationery shelves]⁸⁷

⁷³ PB himself changed "copies" to "pieces" by hand.

⁷⁴ PB himself deleted "magazines and" from before "journals" by hand.

⁷⁵ PB himself changed "and" to "but" by hand.

⁷⁶ PB himself inserted "redirected" by hand.

⁷⁷ PB himself deleted "once weekly" from after "mail" by hand.

⁷⁸ PB himself inserted underline by hand.

⁷⁹ PB himself changed "a large" to "an" by hand.

⁸⁰ PB himself inserted underline by hand.

⁸¹ PB himself inserted "gradually" by hand.

⁸² PB himself changed "decision" to "date" by hand.

⁸³ PB himself inserted "now" by hand.

⁸⁴ PB himself inserted "sample" by hand.

⁸⁵ PB himself changed "will undoubtedly" to "should" by hand.

⁸⁶ PB himself inserted "They are among the 'SCRAP' paper in stationery shelves" in the left margin by hand.

⁸⁷ PB himself typed "(OVER)" at the bottom of the page.

I⁸⁸ have decided to continue in Mexico until I have finished the book, [i.e.]⁸⁹ until about [mid-November.]⁹⁰

L48.037 {1951} September 6

37 - 38

Letter to Anthony Damiani from PB
Cuernavaca
September 6 {1951}⁹¹

[Dear Tony]⁹²

The key to Lincoln warehouse room should be returned to the Warehouse Office. You may do it by mail to save a journey. You may be amused to hear that now they are claiming from me rent until mid-March 1952, saying they are entitled to a year's notice under our contract! However I am in correspondence with them about the matter still.

I enclose carbon copy of a letter I sent you some weeks ago in case it did not reach you.

The clock, pen and pencil set, should be stored in your home and I will pick them up for use when I come to NYC

In your letter of 9/2 you mention two titles received, apparently books, "DULARMOGU EGYTALANDS" and "DULKEIMAR INDIALANDS." I do not know what they are and did not expect them. Kindly examine them, especially title pages and illustrations if any, and List of Contents to judge whether they are new foreign translations of "Secret India" and "Search in Secret Egypt." If so, try to discover what language or country or town of publication, and let me know. In any case, they are to be stored.

Of the magazines mentioned in same letter you may send to Mexico, Indian Time, Vision. The razor is to be stored.

Now the advertisements you mention come from a firm which has been pestering me for years. I wrote them twice requesting them to stop sending me their advert literature but they ignore it. So kindly watch out for their material and immediately throw it into the waste paper basket. Do not waste your time listing them in your letters. The firm is New Process Company, I believe.

Kindly tell Frank that I am most grateful for his assistance with the wagon and give him my kindest remembrances. The same to Jim

⁸⁸ Page 36

⁸⁹ PB himself changed "or" to "i.e." by hand.

⁹⁰ PB himself deleted "After that time, I shall consider the situation and decide as to the future." from after "mid-November." by hand.

⁹¹ We inserted "1951" per context.

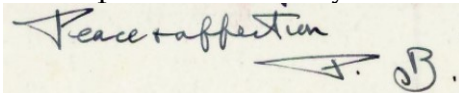
⁹² PB himself inserted "Dear Tony" by hand.

Yes, you may ask for the advice – or approval – in your next letter and I shall give you what I can.

You have done an excellent job on the warehouse removal. However I don't want to clutter up all your closets so I am glad to tell you that I shall have to leave the goods with you until exactly twelve months from this date; after that I shall remove 75% of them, leaving 25% with you permanently, or probably less.

The new book progresses slowly but steadily. It is hard work but I think it will be useful to the world generally when printed next year.

The rent on lockbox 34 will fall due for payment between September 24 and 28. It is \$4. So I am sending you a total of \$7 to cover your postage etc. expenses also, [by international post office money order today.]⁹³

A handwritten note on a piece of paper. The text "Peace and affection" is written in cursive. Below it, an arrow points from the text to the letters "PB" which are also written in cursive.

[Peace and affection
PB]⁹⁴

L48.039 {1951} October 8

39 - 40

Letter to Anthony Damiani from PB
Cuernavaca
October 8 {1951}⁹⁵

My dear Tony,

The gloomy apprehension and sense of futility are basically correct intuitions which have been taken up and deformed by the ego in passing them to your conscious mind. The finished result is unhealthy. Yes life⁹⁶ is a dream, and every course of endeavor is destined to end in smoke; this throttles your initiative. But you have to put the other half of the truth alongside that; you are here to manifest the godlike qualities so far as you can. Fear futility and gloominess are not godlike.

I am sorry I can't suggest here particular books for reading but will be glad to do so after a talk with you in person. We may then lay out a course. It is the same with a trade. You will have to be drawn by your own inclination capacities and temperament to a suitable one, but we will discuss that too. Opportunity also must be considered.

I send you [enclosed]⁹⁷ a check for \$25. Do not try to repay me until I come to New York in February when you can do it in person, and when it will be more useful.

⁹³ PB himself inserted ", by international post office money order today." by hand.

⁹⁴ PB himself inserted "Peace and affection
PB" by hand.

⁹⁵ We inserted "1951" per context.

⁹⁶ Anthony Damiani circled "life" and drew an arrow pointing up, but we left it as is per context.

⁹⁷ PB himself deleted "today" from before "enclosed" by typing over it with x's.

The typewritten report by Okkels (Denmark) will have to be sent to me, cheapest train mail, here.⁹⁸ The printer's proofs of "Life's Hidden Secret" will also have to be sent here, cheapest way.⁹⁹ Also a person in Amsterdam, Holland, Amy C.H. Claessens, Musicien, has sent a manuscript (uninvited) probably in German language, or Dutch or Yugoslavic.¹⁰⁰ Before I can decide what to do let me know roughly how much you think it will cost to send here,¹⁰¹ again by train.

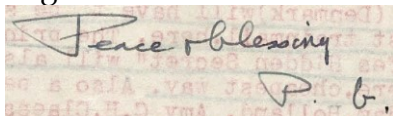
You did right in sending by airmail the two letters from Rider and Okkels which lay in large envelope. Henceforth please examine all packages, and especially all books, manuscripts and magazine packages to make sure there is no letter enclosed. Now do this with the two Icelandic books, as I am expecting a letter supposed to have been sent last month about them.¹⁰² Also tell me the publisher's name of the "Egyptian" book only.¹⁰³

Of¹⁰⁴ the magazines in your latest list, I want only Journal of the Middle East Inst., Fellowship in Meditation and Vision.¹⁰⁵

Now since I am routing more letters away from Allen's to Box 34, I want to ask whether you can clear the Box twice weekly henceforth. You need not go to Allen's for the packages and printed material as I have now asked Romaine to do that. So actually you will still have only 2 journeys a week. If you can do this kindly phone Romaine.

There are certain correspondents whose letters should be airmailed. To distinguish them I want to suggest to them a certain code word or letter on the envelope or in the address. By this means you could identify them and separate them out. What suggestion can you make for such a code; it would have to be harmless, i.e. not interfere with the address.¹⁰⁶

I must close to catch the post with your check. Please buy Ella May¹⁰⁷ a box of those cookies which she likes: you remember where we bought them, or at a shop equivalent to it. I have added an extra dollar for this purpose but the debt remains at 25 since the gift is mine.



[Peace and blessing]

⁹⁸ Anthony Damiani underlined this sentence and inserted "1" in the left margin by hand.

⁹⁹ Anthony Damiani underlined this sentence and inserted "2" in the left margin by hand.

¹⁰⁰ "Yugoslavic" in the original.

¹⁰¹ Anthony Damiani underlined this section and inserted "3" in the left margin by hand.

¹⁰² Anthony Damiani underlined this sentence and inserted "4" in the left margin by hand.

¹⁰³ Anthony Damiani underlined this section and inserted "5" in the left margin by hand.

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¹⁰⁵ Anthony Damiani underlined this section and inserted "6" in the left margin by hand.

¹⁰⁶ Anthony Damiani inserted "7" in the left margin beside the last sentence of this paragraph by hand.

¹⁰⁷ "Ellamay" in the original.

PB]¹⁰⁸

PS When next you meet Frank give him my kind remembrances

[UTGEFANIDI
SAFOLDAPRENTSMIDFA
HF
Reykjavik 1950]¹⁰⁹

L48.041 {1951} October 19

41 - 42

Letter to Anthony Damiani from PB
Cuernavaca
October 19 {1951}¹¹⁰

[My dear Tony,]¹¹¹

Last week I sent you a check for \$25 and its safe receipt may be acknowledged in your next letter. Also the \$7 for lockbox etc. expenses, which you may have ack. The electric razor received from Harvey Hanley, should be opened. Please inform me whether the handle is white or red; and whether it is only an empty case or whether it has the electric mechanism inside it.

If you can find the following stationery, please send it in a separate envelope by itself: Printed with a 5-pointed star, airmail thin paper, bond size, and printed with Box 34 address (other address useless). I need 25 sheets.

Never fear any criticism from me. I never think of it in that way but only as a constructive help to you. The fear springs from negative attitude of ego. Crush it. I am impersonal when I utter such a thing, so it should be received impersonally.

Is Frank still living at 2215 W 5th. I want to send him a Xmas card in thanks for his help with the station wagon. Please let me know.

Romaine has intimated her readiness to collect the printed matter from Allen's, so that you need not go there any more, but will clear Box 34 instead, making a twice weekly job there. Also she says that if at any time you are pressed and it is going to be difficult to go there, phone her and she will deputise for you there too.

I don't think construction work is so suited to you, it reminds me of the docks longshoreman work. Writing as a profession requires more education than you had, but as a hobby it's a good training in self expression.

¹⁰⁸ PB himself inserted "Peace + blessing" and "P.b." by hand.

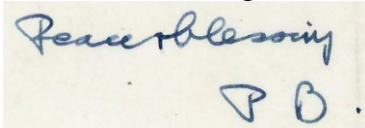
¹⁰⁹ Anthony Damiani inserted "UTGEFANIDI" and "SAFOLDAPRENTSMIDFAHF" and "Reykjavik 1950" at the bottom of the page by hand.

¹¹⁰ We inserted "1951" per context.

¹¹¹ PB himself inserted "My dear Tony," by hand.

You mention trouble over attachment to women. If merely emotional that is a matter for reasoning out but if physical passion seems enslaving, there is a physical technique for its discipline. That involves taking your stimulants (coffee tea) 5% weaker, and omitting proteids from diet – meat, cheese, beans, peas, lentils etc. Then certain bodily exercises help too. The attachment to music is alright, for it gilds and colours your drab environment (I mean NYC). If women-passion still worries you after a few months of above course, there is certain technique in raw food diet (grated raw vegetables, fruit) with dressing to make palatable.

Some cold baths are also helpful to discipline the passions. They, and physical exercise, would also help to remove some of the negative moods



[Peace and blessing
PB]¹¹²

L48.043 1951, November 9

43 - 44

Letter to Anthony Damiani from PB
Cuernavaca {Mexico}¹¹³
November 9 {1951}¹¹⁴

Dear Tony,

About my return to NYC in February I don't know whether it will be the middle of Feb or towards the end but it won't be the beginning. The electric razor from Harvey Hanley should be sent to me after I cross the U.S. border and have an address there.

Your suggestion about underlining Box 34 on envelopes from special correspondents is excellent. But I don't want any writing near the figures, which might lead to their misinterpretation. So it seems that underlining the word Cooper would be better. Do you agree? Your suggestion of a mark $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the corner is also good; but what mark would be best?

The typewritten report from Yugoslavia can also be sent to me after I have crossed the U.S. border, not before.

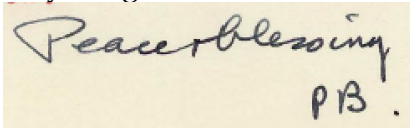
NOW I AM LEAVING CUERNAVACA. The last mail picked up here will be on the 19th. So after receipt of this letter send only one batch of mail here but it must be sent by AIR or it will arrive after I have left. After that batch do not send any more. Instead clear the box as usual, since it must not get clogged up and take the letters home and keep them until I can send you an address. For I do not know where I am going!

¹¹² PB himself inserted "Peace + blessing" and "PB." by hand.

¹¹³ We inserted "Mexico" per context.

¹¹⁴ We inserted "1951" per context.

Anything heavier than letters, like printed material, should not be sent at all now.



[Peace and blessing
PB]¹¹⁵

L48.045 {1951} December 18

45 - 48

Letter to Anthony Damiani from PB
c/o Spicer¹¹⁶
1050 East Foothill Blvd.
Altadena, California
Dec 18 {1951}¹¹⁷

Dear Tony,

On January 2nd I move back to the following address:

c/o MASSON, 2534 Park Oak Drive, HOLLYWOOD, 28. California.

Since Xmas mails take longer to deliver, it is advisable to send no more to c/o Spicer after December 22nd (train) and 24th air. Hold the letters for 2 or 3 days and then mail to the new address.

Please tell me whether your postal zone # at Staten Island is 4 or 6?

I send for a copy of a journal THE HYGIENIC REVIEW which was ordered in your name. It may be sent to me here. I want to ask you whether it is convenient to you for me to subscribe to various journals using your name? I would send them the money for the subscription and ask them to send the papers monthly to "An. Damiani" etc. so that my own name would not be mentioned in the letter at all. I have to do this because I know from past experience they invariably ask me to start writing articles for them, and I have to refuse as I have not the time. This makes for an awkward situation. Kindly let me know because if so I shall send to some at once, so as to start the New Year with it.

As you were informed through Romaine I shall be unable to arrive in New York in February. My work on the new book is in arrears and I have to finish it before starting to move again. I expect to arrive in March. I don't know the exact date yet but the later you take your vacation the safer it will be, that is the middle or latter part of March is fairly certain, although the earlier is possible.

I believe I told you that I have settled on underlining the word "Cooper" in my address for letters to be sent by air to me instead of train. Some are now coming like that.

¹¹⁵ PB himself inserted "Peace and blessing
PB" by hand.

¹¹⁶ Referring to Edward "Ted" H. Spicer

¹¹⁷ We inserted "1951" per context.

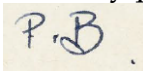
It is with reluctance that I have to broach the following matter but it is important to me. First, if at any time this mail work or storage space becomes irksome to you, kindly let me know and I shall make other arrangements. Second, I must give you a serious warning that the work you do for me is confidential. There is no one in the New York area without the single exception of Romaine, who you may discuss it with, or to whom you may reveal my general whereabouts, or my address; if any of those who know already that you do this work should seek to learn these information refer them to Romaine, but never give it yourself. Furthermore, nobody in New York is to be allowed to examine or remove any of the articles and papers stored with you. Furthermore, nobody other than you and Ella May is to clear the mailbox. If in an emergency you need help, ask Romaine. If anyone else offers to relieve you of the work, reject their offer.¹¹⁸ No matter how much others try to draw you out or ask seemingly innocent questions, all these matters are entrusted to you as a matter of confidence and I expect you to carry them out faithfully. If anyone uses any plea of urgency, refer them to Romaine. If anyone says he is asked by me to do any of the aforesaid things, say it is your duty to communicate with me first and obtain my consent (You may rest assured that apart from Romaine I shall ALWAYS instruct you directly and not through a third party). No matter what excuse is used, no matter what relationship to me is claimed, I request you to stick stubbornly to this charge and not be led away from it. THIS LETTER IS ALSO CONFIDENTIAL.

On December 30 Allen Service cease to function for me, so that box contents will be heavier from now on.

Xmas is near. If I were in New York I would get something for you and Ella May. There is something you or she or the children need. Kindly buy it and on learning from you how much you spent, I will send the money.

A New Year is also at hand. Make up your mind to become better disciplined as far as your emotional moods are concerned, to become stronger in will and more hopeful in outlook. There are ways and means to help this, which can be discussed in person.

With my peace and blessing to you and Alma,



[PB]¹¹⁹

L48.049 {1951} December

49 - 50

Letter to Anthony Damiani from PB¹²⁰
c/o Spicer
1050 East Foothill Blvd.

¹¹⁸ Page 47 (page 46 is blank)

¹¹⁹ PB himself inserted "PB" by hand.

¹²⁰ This letter was entirely handwritten by PB himself.

Altadena, California
{December 1951}¹²¹

Jan 2nd c/o Masson, 2534 Park Oak Drive, Hollywood 28 California

Thank you for your assurance, Tony, about keeping my address and letters and belongings strictly confidential.

You were foolish to expect Dan Franz¹²² could help solve your vocational problem. His own career is in a mess at an age when most men of his training have achieved a worthwhile status. You must learn to judge by results: Since he does not know how to solve his own problems, he can't solve yours. The same applies equally to his spiritual status. (This is rigid confidence)

If you can't see any way clear through any vocation that draws you, then accept the situation resignedly and wait till destiny presents you with a new opportunity that will itself be guidance for you.

Kindly attend to an urgent job that has arisen: On December 4th the Cunard Steamship Co. sent me a letter, to Box 34. I have not received it. But since it probably contained a booklet also, you may have placed it with the printed material. Anyway kindly make a special search for it. To help you I enclose the imprint which appears on the top left corner of all their envelopes. The one sent me was of "legal" size i.e. about one inch longer than the longest size of this sheet.

If you find the letter, do not send it on to me. Instead deliver it by hand to the Cunard Co. office. 25 Broadway. Take care as it contains a valuable document also. The matter is urgent, hence the personal delivery. The official to hand it to is in the Cabin Class Dept. Passenger Sailings and his initials are R.T.B. (copied from his letter to me).¹²³ His name is BELLEW. Tell him I am writing tomorrow to him about the matter. Also report to me this result by air.

If however you fail to find the envelope (ask Alma¹²⁴ too) then do not trouble with the Cunard Co but write me at once by airmail to report this result. You may safely write c/o Spicer.

Go on fighting the negative emotions. Use will and reason. Patient persevering effort wins through¹²⁵ in the end. I suffered for years from them too.

Peace and blessing
PB

¹²¹ We inserted "December 1951" per context.

¹²² A sometime American student of PB's. — TJS, 2020

¹²³ We inserted close parenthesis and a period for clarity.

¹²⁴ Referring to Ella May.

¹²⁵ "thru" in the original.

L48.051 {1952} January 23

51 - 52

Letter to Anthony Damiani from PB
c/o Masson,
2534 Park Oak Drive,
Hollywood 28
23 January {1952}¹²⁶

Dear Tony

On further enquiry I find that the jobs going in defense plants are probably temporary and am advised that if you have a Civil Service job, it would be most unwise to throw it up for what exists here.

I was surprised to hear from Romaine that you can't purchase the loose-leaf binders. I never wanted them purchased. All requests for goods made to you are always for items that I placed in storage with you; unless you have written instructions to the contrary. There are several loose-leaf binders, leather and plastic, size 8 x 6¼ and 9 x 6¾ all empty, which I left behind – probably about 12 are there. Perhaps they are in the case which is locked up. If so, send me a description of the case to identify it and I will send you the key for it.

I hope you did not try to buy a perforating punch also. I was referring to the one I stored with you. It is a long green thing.

The fact that I did not send any money with the other should have made you suspicious of a mistake, since I would not dream of ordering goods for purchase without doing so. Further I am near Los Angeles a large metropolitan city where everything can be bought, and that too should make you suspicious.

I now do not need 5 binders, 3 would suffice.

Now here is a real purchase! You remember Father Divine's newspaper "THE NEW DAY" 5¢ a copy. Please get me a recent or the current copy next time you clear the mail box. The newsstand that sells it is at the corner of 14th Street and 4th Avenue, corner nearest to post office. Just this single copy only, no further issues need, until February 23rd that is a month later, you might send a second copy of the issue dated then.

Peace be with you



[PB]¹²⁷

PS I appreciate that the error was caused because I did not write directly to you but through Romaine; so that procedure won't be repeated

¹²⁶ We inserted "1952" per context.

¹²⁷ PB himself inserted "PB" by hand.

Letter to Anthony Damiani from PB
Dr Paul Brunton
c/o J.V. Masson,
2534 Park Oak Dr.,
Hollywood 28 Calif.
24 February 1952

Dear Tony,

Since you seem to be so keen on moving {to}¹²⁸ California and since its climate is so desirable and delightful and since you have a friend living here who thinks he can help you find employment, it may be, after all, the best solution of your problem. However, would it not be wiser to move out here yourself first alone, and then after established, send for your wife and children? As regards your inquiry whether your association with me would continue despite such a move, the answer is of course it would.

I will definitely arrive in New York the 1st of April, but not before. We shall have to find an alternative storage place in April, or, failing that, ship them to Los Angeles, where I have free storage, but this would involve shipping charges. Cheap transport to L.A. [might be]¹²⁹ the best solution since in the future my visits to New York will be for extremely short periods, whereas those to California will be very much longer.

After you arrive in California you may like to meet some other students of the Quest whom I know. If so, I should be pleased to give you letters of introduction to them [when I see you in NYC.]¹³⁰

Answering your questions, please send [to me in Hollywood]¹³¹ the poems by Hesper LeGalliene,¹³² the book by Larson, "Kurus," and the book by Waerland,¹³³ "In the Cauldron of Disease." Incidentally, if there is a return address on the last book, I should like to know who sent it (if you have kept the wrapper).¹³⁴

Kindly [send]¹³⁵ also all stationery bearing the 545 Fifth Ave. address, as well as all stationery bearing the firm name U.S. Trading Corp [or other firm names, if any there;]¹³⁶ all this stationery to be send [direct]¹³⁷ to Mr C.F. Wagner, Post box 775, Vista, California. He is going to cut off the imprints for me.

¹²⁸ We inserted "to" for clarity.

¹²⁹ PB himself changed "is" to "might be" by hand.

¹³⁰ PB himself inserted "when I see you in NYC" by hand.

¹³¹ PB himself inserted "to me in Hollywood" by hand.

¹³² "Hester" in the original. Hesper Le Gallienne Hutchinson was the mistress of Ted Spicer, a student of PB's. — TJS, 2020

¹³³ Referring to Are Waerland, whose "In the Cauldron of Disease" was first published in 1934.

¹³⁴ PB himself inserted parentheses by hand.

¹³⁵ PB himself deleted "me" from after "send" by hand.

¹³⁶ PB himself inserted "or other firm names, if any there" by hand.

¹³⁷ PB himself inserted "direct" by hand.

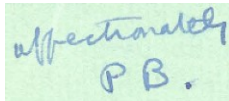
Regarding¹³⁸ the loose-leaf binders which you bought for me, it would appear that you could not get your money refunded since you have sent them to me here and I am now using them. If this is so, kindly let me know how much you paid for them so that I may refund the cost.

Please check whether you have one key [still left] out of the several which I gave you and which you returned to me. One seems to be missing. If you find it, please send it to me.

Kindly note I have far more than enough loose-leaf binders, so please do not send me any more.

Congratulations on the secure way you now pack the articles. The now arrive in excellent condition. Please forget about the socks.

I am expecting another letter from India which will bear on the envelope the imprinted return address as follows: Sri Raman Ashram. Send it to me immediately by airmail as soon as it arrives.



[affectionately
PB]¹³⁹

L48.055 {1952} March 11

55 - 56

Letter to Anthony Damiani from PB
Dr Paul Brunton
c/o J.V. Masson,
2534 Park Oak Dr.,
Hollywood 28 Calif.
March 11th {1952}¹⁴⁰

Dear Tony,

Please send here [by insured post]¹⁴¹ the German and French translations of my books that have now arrived. I have been waiting for them. Also the pamphlet that came with the New Testament, but not the latter itself.

The typed manuscript from Mounisadhu, Australia, is to be sent here by train mail ["First Class"]¹⁴² but it should be registered. The newspaper article sent with it, may be sent here with it.

¹³⁸ Page 54

¹³⁹ PB himself inserted "affectionately" and "PB" by hand.

¹⁴⁰ We inserted "1952" per context.

¹⁴¹ PB himself inserted "by insured post" by hand.

¹⁴² PB himself inserted "First Class" by hand.

[The missing key]¹⁴³ fits the BROWN FIBER TRUNK. I don't know whether it was sent you.

As regards the cartons stored with you, it is too late to have them sent here since they may arrive when I am preparing to leave and will be too busy to deal with them. Anyway if you can think of any suggestions as to where they could be safely stored in NYC for a period not exceeding 12 months, after which I shall remove them, let me know. Failing that, I shall have to send them to [a]¹⁴⁴ warehouse [after]¹⁴⁵ I arrive beginning April. [I¹⁴⁶ don't know exact date yet, but will notify you later this month when I do.

It seems you are set for California!

Bill Lohr, whom you met at Riverside Drive, says to look him up when you come here. #1932½ Clinton Street, Los Angeles 28 (phone Dunkirk 3-8221).

The overcoming of adolescent personal emotions is needed to grow up spiritually. Then peace can come in.]

[Best wishes
PB]¹⁴⁷

L48.057 1952 April 28

57 - 58

Letter to Anthony Damiani from PB
c/o Grindlays, ¹⁴⁸
54 Parliament St.
London, S.W. I.
April 28, 1952

Mr. Anthony Damiani
29 Seaver Ave. Apt. 4B
Dougan Hills
Staten Island, 6 New York

¹⁴³ PB himself changed "I cannot remember whether the missing key is one you requested." to "The missing key" by typing over the deleted words with x's and a capital "T" over the lowercase one in "The."

¹⁴⁴ PB himself changed "the" to "a" by hand.

¹⁴⁵ PB himself changed "when" to "after" by hand.

¹⁴⁶ PB wrote the remainder of this letter by hand.

¹⁴⁷ PB himself inserted "Best wishes" and "PB" by hand.

¹⁴⁸ This return address was typed on the letter, but a different return address was typed on the air mail envelope (page 60):

"DR. PAUL BRUNTON
34 Cadogan Square
London, S.W.I."

New York, U.S.A.

Dear Tony,

For the next four weeks would you please [send]¹⁴⁹ mail by air to London. Unimportant printed matter and anything which is heavy should be sent by fast steamer. This can be done by superscribing the envelope Via Queen Elizabeth or Queen Mary according to which ever ship is sailing. You can check in the newspapers as to which one is leaving first. (shipping page of either the New York Herald or Times)

My travelling dates have been changed. I will not be leaving for India until the end of June. Mail delivered to my London address until June the 25th will continue to reach me in Europe.

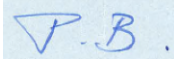
Any thing addressed to Mrs Brunton (letters) should be sent by airmail. She did not inform her correspondents to underling the word Cooper.

In view of increased expenditure for postage I'm enclosing a check for expenses.

Shall be happy to hear from you that everything was put in order after our departure.

We would both like to express our great appreciation for your unselfish help during those hectic days in New York. The time spent at your home was most enjoyable. Evangeline was so happy to meet your charming wife.

With affectionate regards and my peace to you and your family,



[PB]¹⁵⁰

L48.059 {1952} May 18

59 - 60

Letter to Anthony Damiani from PB
Copenhagen, Denmark
May 18 {1952}¹⁵¹

Anthony Damiani
29 Seaver Ave (Apt 4b)
Dougan Hills, Staten Island 6
New York
U.S.A.

Dear Tony,

It has become needful to delay my further journey to India still more. For several weeks I expect to remain in Denmark.

¹⁴⁹ PB himself deleted "all" from after "send" by hand.

¹⁵⁰ PB himself inserted "PB" by hand.

¹⁵¹ We inserted "1952" per context.

You may therefore re-direct all letters from now on to the following new address, instead of to London, until further instructions:

Dr P B etc

MARIENDALSVEJ 94-96

Copenhagen, F.

Denmark

Please send me some printed stationery:

(A) About 25 sheets bearing my name only; thicker paper

(B) About " " " " " " thinner paper

(C) " " " " " name and address (NYC)

You may send it by seaimail.

With peace and affection



[PB]¹⁵²

L48.061 {1952} June 17

61 - 62

Letter to Anthony Damiani from PB

MARIENDALSVEJ 94-96,

Copenhagen, F.

Denmark

June 17 {1952}¹⁵³

Anthony Damiani

Apt 4b, # 29 Seaver Avenue

Dougan Hills, Staten Island 6

New York

U.S.A.

My dear Tony,

Thank you for the stationery now here.

It seems I am likely to remain in Denmark until about mid-August, and to visit other European countries until mid-October. After that date, I shall either proceed to India or return to New York and spend some months there. In any case, I intend a stay in nyc of months. Meanwhile I am working hard on research that will prove of very great interest to you, as well as all the special business which brings me to Europe. At last my real work comes into sight.

¹⁵² PB himself inserted "PB" by hand.

¹⁵³ We inserted "1952" per context.

I shall need some warmer clothing, as Evangeline has appropriated some of mine due to the cold climate here in Scandinavia. She is wrapped day and night and wishes she had some of your new York central heating!

Will you please send me the following by sea mail:

²¹⁵⁴ wool-flannel undershirts, (to be worn next to skin under the white or coloured shirt)

²¹⁵⁵ “ “ underpants (long drawers to be worn inside the trousers)

¹¹⁵⁶ pair old trousers or slacks (if not, then the most worn pair from a suit, wool, thick, heavyweight)

Please note that the undershirt and drawers must be warm wool, not cotton. You can identify them by colour (wool is yellow or grey whereas cotton is usually white) and by feel. Perhaps your wife understands the difference. Also the shirts are without collars.

Also send

²¹⁵⁷ pair wool sox (not cotton) thick heavy

¹¹⁵⁸ pullover, wool, warm

²¹⁵⁹ clip-on ties (colour NOT to be black or red)

¹¹⁶⁰ pair wool-flannel warm pyjamas

¹¹⁶¹ wool-flannel outer shirt, with collar attached.

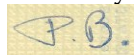
Send the parcel direct to Denmark, removing any paper price tags which might indicate any garment was new,¹⁶² and mark it “Personal Clothing for a Tourist”¹⁶³

If I do go to India it seems my visit there will be extremely short. How I have to change plans constantly! Better never to make any, in my case.

Please do not send me any more of the periodicals like Healthy Life, Prediction etc but store them.

Duttons are delaying production of the new book until next spring. This is a blow. But the British edition appears early November.

With my affectionate regards to you and family



[PB]¹⁶⁴

¹⁵⁴ Anthony Damiani inserted “1” in the left margin and crossed out “2 wool-flannel undershirts” by hand.

¹⁵⁵ Anthony Damiani inserted “2” in the left margin and crossed out “2 wool-flannel underpants” by hand.

¹⁵⁶ Anthony Damiani inserted “3” in the left margin by hand.

¹⁵⁷ Anthony Damiani inserted “4” in the left margin and crossed out this line by hand.

¹⁵⁸ Anthony Damiani inserted “5” in the left margin and crossed out this line by hand.

¹⁵⁹ Anthony Damiani inserted “6” in the left margin and crossed out “2 clip-on ties” by hand.

¹⁶⁰ Anthony Damiani inserted “7” in the left margin and crossed out this line by hand.

¹⁶¹ Anthony Damiani inserted “8” in the left margin and crossed out this line by hand.

¹⁶² Anthony Damiani underlined this phrase by hand.

¹⁶³ Anthony Damiani underlined this phrase by hand.

¹⁶⁴ PB himself inserted “PB” by hand.

L48.063 1952 June 30

63 - 64

Letter to Anthony Damiani from PB
94 Mariendalsvej
Copenhagen, F,
Denmark
30th June, 1952

Anthony Damiani
Apt 4b,
29 Seaver Avenue,
Dougan Hills,
Staten Island (6), N.Y.
NEW YORK, U.S.A.

Dear Tony,

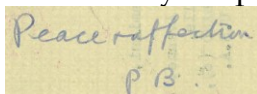
Since I wrote you last there has been another change and it seems that I shall have to spend the winter in India. It is most unlikely therefore that I could return this fall.

Should you decide to move to California this fall, please leave my goods in storage in New York and do not take them with you as I want to have access to them since I expect to spend some months in New York when I return to the U.S.A.

I have received from you a book in Danish, large size, which had been sent to New York from Copenhagen. I shall now have to send it back to you again for storage with my other books. PLEASE RETAIN ALL PRINTED MATERIAL WHETHER BOOKS OR MAGAZINES AND DO NOT SEND THEM TO ME WHILE I AM ON MY TRAVELS ABROAD.

After receipt of this letter, please send your packages of mail by steamer and not by air post as it is too costly. However you might enquire at the post office whether it is possible to make use of fast steamers for this purpose by inscribing their name on the envelope. Such a system prevails for letters to England I know, which may be sent by the Queen Mary or Queen Elizabeth.

Since I expect to leave Denmark any day between August 10 and August 30th and since steamer mail may take two and half weeks to reach here, please note that about July the [20th]¹⁶⁵ my mail address should be changed to: C/O Grindlays Limited, 54 Parliament Street, London S.W.1. England, who are my agents for Europe generally and who will redirect your packages to wherever I am travelling.



[Peace and affection

¹⁶⁵ PB himself deleted "25th" from before 20th" by typing over it with x's.

L48.065 {1952} July 13

65 - 66

Letter to Anthony Damiani from PB
Mariendalsvej 94/96
Copenhagen, F.
Denmark
July 13th {1952}¹⁶⁷

Anthony Damiani
Apt. 4b.
29 Seaver Avenue, Dougan Hills
STATEN ISLAND 6.
New York.
U.S.A.

Dear Tony,

You ask for my latest ideas about your proposed moving of residence.

If you are able, between you, to earn a bit extra money just now, as I believe you have been able, would it not be wise to save a surplus amount of cash first? This would be very useful both to keep you going during the arrival period and pending the finding of a suitable job, and to help meet the expenses of removal and of establishing a new home.

Secondly, my own plans have again had to undergo a change, through no choice of my own but due to circumstances. The likelihood of my going to India may quite probably be postponed for another year or two, in which case I would return to New York at the end of October, and as I have business to do there I would remain for some months. Hence my visit to California would be very brief.

It seems that if you could wait until Spring, it would be wiser. Even if I did not come back this fall, I would have to be back in NYC in March from India, and remain some months then.

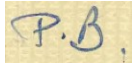
Unless you have something very urgent and important in California waiting you, would not the spring be better?

If you do find it necessary to store my stuff, select a cheap place, like the Certified on East 12th Street where I used to store it, and not the Lincoln, which is too costly. There would be no need of a special room.

My best to you

¹⁶⁶ PB himself inserted "Peace and affection" and "PB" by hand.

¹⁶⁷ We inserted "1952" per context.


[PB]¹⁶⁸

PS I believe I have previously told you that mail should be sent here only so as to be delivered not later than August 15th, and after that date c/o Grindlays London.

L48.067 1952 September 5

67 - 68

Letter to Anthony Damiani from PB
c/o Grindlays Ltd.
54 Parliament St.
London, S.W.1.
ENGLAND
September 5th, 1952

Dear Tony,

After leaving Denmark and travelling in Holland we have arrived in the South of France.

On the 21st of September I leave Europe for India. Evangeline, however, will remain behind either in Europe or in the U.S.A. to await my return as I am going into parts in the interior which will be unsuitable for a white woman.

(1) Let me know exactly what the situation is with the mail that you used to clear on my behalf from Box 34. It has been quite some time since I have received mail from there so I am wondering just what is happening. Is Romaine taking care of it or are you still taking care of it? And are they being sent by sea mail as they should?

(2) You sent me the warehouse receipt and on it I found a note requesting its return, but it is not clear whether that request is addressed to me or to you. Kindly let me know whether I am to retain it or to send it back to you. Also, if you are leaving for California shortly, what arrangements you suggest to enable me to get access to the store-room. Is a key needed, too?

(3) I am due to return to the U.S.A. at the end of winter, according to return ticket obtained, actually towards the middle of March, in NYC (confidential).

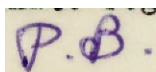
The mail must continue to be sent to the London address, but if I do arrive in India without obstruction, I shall then send the Indian address. It would not be safe to use one otherwise.

I shall be interested in the developments of this transition period for you, and await your personal news.

With peace and affectionate regards to you and [Ella May.]¹⁶⁹

¹⁶⁸ PB himself inserted "PB" by hand.

¹⁶⁹ PB himself changed "Ellay" to "Ella May" by hand.



[PB]¹⁷⁰

P.S.¹⁷¹ Evangeline has made tremendous progress spiritually, as you will observe at your next meeting. Also she is working hard to improve her secretarial qualifications in every way. I am very pleased with her now. But she had to suffer tremendously first to make this rapid growth possible.

P.S.¹⁷² The lockbox rent is due end of September. Please pay and let me know how I stand with you for this plus postages etc so I can adjust the debt

P.S.¹⁷³ I have been expecting a letter from Windsor, Ontario, Canada, the sender's name being given on the envelope either as Dr B. Renault, or as "Mystic Brotherhood of Revala" or as "MBR." But I was also expecting a package of mimeographed and printed literature from the same address. It is possible that the letter was placed inside the package. If the packet has been received and is being stored pending my arrival, kindly examine it carefully for such a letter, and forward the latter to me.

L48.069 {1953} January 10

69 - 70

Letter to Anthony Damiani from PB
PAUL BRUNTON
c/o: Grindlays, Ltd.,
54 Parliament street,
London [S.W.1.]¹⁷⁴
[January]¹⁷⁵ 10, {1953}¹⁷⁶

Anthony Damiani

¹⁷⁰ PB himself inserted "PB" by hand.

¹⁷¹ This postscript appears at the bottom of the page.

¹⁷² This postscript appears in the left margin.

¹⁷³ This postscript appears at the top of the page.

¹⁷⁴ PB himself deleted the following from the top of the page by hand:

"c/o AMERIXAN EXPRESS

Oriental building,

364 Hornby road,

BOMBAY I, INDIA.

¹⁷⁵ PB himself changed "December" to "January" by hand.

¹⁷⁶ We changed "1952" to "1953" per context.

[c/o]¹⁷⁷ C. Mirra
9018 Cedros Ave.
VAN NUYS, California
U.S.A.

[Dear¹⁷⁸ Tony, On second thoughts I send no Letter of Introduction. These friends will welcome you if you simply say I requested the meeting. They are not formal.]

Dear Tony,

[shall¹⁷⁹ send you under separate cover]

[I¹⁸⁰ am sending you a general letter of introduction which can be used with the following addresses and in any other way you think fit as I believe it will help you in your efforts to get established with your family in a new State.]

These people are good friends of mine [who will]¹⁸¹ certainly go out of their way to be helpful to you. At least it will give you some friends should you want to. Of course, they have all spiritual interests.

I signed the storage receipt but have just sent it by Air Mail co Romaine Stevens to deliver to any address you instruct her. So she will receive it in about six weeks' time and I hope by then you will have told her what to do. You also mentioned in one of your letters that you will send me proper directions about the arrangements made with the warehouse; but I did not receive any.

Owing to the general uncertainty of my movements for the next year I do not plan to move my goods to the West Coast during that period; but will wait another year and then review the situation.

I shall be interested to learn how you get on in this new territory.

I have been in India for some months and the work is successful so far. [I¹⁸² leave India for Europe mid-January and remain in Italy several weeks.]

With peace and affectionate regards, [to you and Ella May]¹⁸³

P.B.

[PB]¹⁸⁴

¹⁷⁷ PB himself deleted "c/o A. Muro
2337 East 14th Street
BROOKLYN, New York" by hand.

¹⁷⁸ PB himself inserted this section at a later time with a different typewriter.

¹⁷⁹ PB himself inserted "shall send you under separate cover" with a different typewriter.

¹⁸⁰ PB himself deleted this paragraph by hand.

¹⁸¹ PB himself changed "and who" to "who will" by hand.

¹⁸² PB himself inserted "I leave India for Europe mid January" and "and remain in Italy several weeks." at a later time with two different typewriters.

¹⁸³ PB himself inserted "to you and Ellamay" by hand.

¹⁸⁴ PB himself inserted "PB" by hand.

[Enc]¹⁸⁵

FRED and CLARA WAEGNER, P.O. BOX 775, VISTA, Calif. [(Fred is eager to see you)¹⁸⁶

Farwell Hull, 468 North [Flores,]¹⁸⁷ (Beverly Hills)

Edward H Spicer, 1051 East Foothill Blvd, Altadena, near Pasadena.

(He knows many business men; is English)]

CALIFORNIA¹⁸⁸ ADDRESSES OF PB FRIENDS FOR TONY:

L48.071 1953 February 12

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Letter to Anthony Damiani from Romaine Stevens

R. Stevens

40 West 55th Street

New York 19, N.Y.

Feb 12, 1953

Hello sweetie -

I began to think you were a mirage and I had dreamed you up! Anyway, it's much nicer this way, as say what you will, being able to see and touch [and hear from]¹⁸⁹ these flesh-robed "illusions" has decided advantages, and you're one of 'em!

It's real good to hear from you and I had to laugh as I caught a mental picture of you slogging the streets wiping streams of perspiration from your mentally perplexed brow! It's really tough, hon, and if it affords any consolation (which it rarely ever does) these tortuous twistings and turnings have been going on for all of us, despite outer appearances. It just seems to be that kind of a cycle, and the mere fact that you are holding on and still slugging is in itself enough and you deserve a great deal of credit, despite the analytic lacerations you could belabour yourself with. You're doing great, sweetie, and I'm not saying that as that obnoxious character "Pollyanna" might voice it from the superficial and supercilious standpoint - I'm saying it because I mean it, and because I sincerely believe it. Far better than you can believe.

Your excellent directions and suggestions re the warehouse will be observed by me - thank you. However, there is a very important detail that only you can handle, and which is the crux of the whole matter. And that is the KEY¹⁹⁰ to the rooms - PB has

¹⁸⁵ PB himself inserted "Enc" in the left margin by hand.

¹⁸⁶ PB himself inserted "(Fred is eager to see you)" and the last three lines on the page at a later time with a different typewriter.

¹⁸⁷ PB himself deleted "Los Angeles" from after "Flores," by typing over it with x's.

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¹⁸⁹ Romaine Stevens inserted "and hear from" by hand.

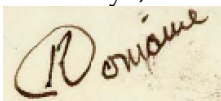
¹⁹⁰ Romaine Stevens typed "the KEY" in red ink.

expressly asked that the key be here in New York, as I believe there is some urgent matter he wishes me to attend to and the key must be in my possession as quickly as possible. If I am wrong in my analysis, it does not matter, as his instructions were, to have the key in my hands per future instructions forthcoming almost immediately. He has instructed me about the receipt containing both signatures, so this is attended to. But, please, let us do things his way even if they do not add up to our rational analysis, if we can. Is it possible to have a duplicate key made there in Los Angeles so that you will not have to give [one]¹⁹¹ up? It certainly should be possible, and what with your considerate letter to the warehouse, all technical difficulties will now be easily surmounted. But do relieve my palpitating heart as you know how it is, I shall not rest easily until his least (and in this case important) wish has been fulfilled, and I can write him all is well. Will you please send the original key¹⁹² and keep the duplicate for yourself, as, if in the final test there should be some flaw, he will not suffer by the delay, and you can always use this one anyway. Just a safety precaution, but an important one. I can even return it to you once this matter is settled.

I have been laid up this entire week with a touch of the Flu which has descended upon New York. But philosophically speaking, we both know better than that – the unhealth has been in myself, in my inner struggles which have manifested in the outer, it has been very apparent to me, but I have been weak, and humoured my fancies until I am fed up with the whole business. I shall swing out again next week with a different attitude you can bet – first, I shall relax and begin to enjoy things and people again (free at least in a small degree,) that I am the most important contribution to the universe since light began! What the hell! We might as well relax, it's much harder not to! Now if I can only live that nice smug advice all would be well – but I know now that I cannot completely – even so, a slight change for the positive will afford a few laughs, and baby, this girl is overdue!

My warmest regards to your wife and let me hear as soon as you can about the key, and then, if you feel that you want to say a few odds and ends on anything else, I certainly would enjoy that [in particular].¹⁹³

as always,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Romaine", written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

[Romaine]¹⁹⁴

[P.S.¹⁹⁵ I miss knowing you two are not in this area, but one day I shall be in yours!]

¹⁹¹ Romaine Stevens changed "yours" to "one" by hand.

¹⁹² Romaine Stevens typed "original key" in red ink.

¹⁹³ Romaine Stevens changed "too" to "in particular" by hand.

¹⁹⁴ Romaine Stevens inserted "Romaine" by hand.

¹⁹⁵ Romaine Stevens inserted this postscript in the right margin by hand.

[P.P.S.¹⁹⁶ When you speak to Jim will you please relay my thanks for his effort in helping. Also my regards and greetings to Pat. I shall thank them profusely soon. R]

L48.073 1953 February 22

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Letter to Anthony Damiani from PB¹⁹⁷
Box 34, Cooper Station, New York 3
February 22nd, 1953

[Where is Chatsworth? Neither of us have heard of it before!]¹⁹⁸

I have not had any news from you, Tony... directly, for a long time, but I have seemed to have heard indirectly, that you have gotten yourself a job in a defence plant. I hope that from now on you will have no economic anxiety as to whether the California move was justified. I hope also, to get some impressions directly from you as to whether you like California,¹⁹⁹ or its climate at least,²⁰⁰ for there are some things in it which are not quite good.

The return from India has been followed by travel in Italy, Morocco, and now Spain. I shall be back in New York before the middle of next month (please treat this as confidential) and will then have to immediately go out to the warehouse to search for certain important documents. I take it that Mr Knowles will permit me to enter the room, or will open the door for me with his key?

I want to ask you whether you remember if I brought to your apartment just prior to sailing last year any large, sealed envelope or packet of valuable papers which were left behind for storage? If so, can you remember where they were put or in what trunk they were placed so that I may locate them with the least possible delay? Please send your reply so that it is delivered in New York not later than March [9th; c/o]²⁰¹ Romaine, and put your name on the back of the envelope so that she will put it immediately aside for me.

Please remember that the Quest is Life itself, not an artificial thing to be separated from it. Practicality and rationality and balance – which are so entirely essential for ordinary, everyday living, are therefore, not less essential for the Quest.

I shall be coming to California sometime this year, but whether early or late it is too soon to say.

¹⁹⁶ Romaine Stevens inserted this postscript in the left margin by hand.

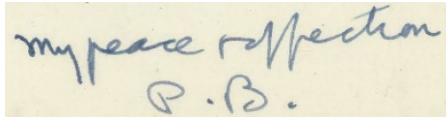
¹⁹⁷ This letter was typed on letterhead from "Iberia Lineas Aereas Españolas."

¹⁹⁸ PB himself inserted "Where is Chatsworth? Neither of us have heard of it before!" at the top of the page by hand.

¹⁹⁹ PB himself inserted a comma by hand.

²⁰⁰ PB himself inserted a comma by hand.

²⁰¹ PB himself changed "9th. Either directly to Box 34 or indirectly c/o of" to "9th; c/o" by hand and by typing over the phrase with x's.



[My peace and affection
PB]²⁰²

L48.075 1953 March 15

75 - 76

Letter to Anthony Damiani from PB
Hotel Volney²⁰³
23 East 74th Street
New York 21, N.Y.
March 15, 1953

Your letter was awaiting me, Tony, when I arrived in New York this week from abroad.

The news that Ella May has given birth to a boy explains all the changes which you felt impelled to make last year.

However, I must ask you to concentrate your mind and try to remember what became of the large brown paper envelope containing important documents which I handed over to you the day I visited your apartment, last April. I asked you to take special care of this packet because of its importance. I went to Strang's Warehouse and searched through all the bags and boxes and could not find this packet. It would seem that because I asked you to take special care of it you may probably have kept it with your own belongings, in which case it would be stored in the other room in Strang's where you have placed them. Of course I have no access to the room and hence, my request that you try to concentrate and to recall whether this is so or not. If, as a result of this concentration you remember that the packet is stored in one of your own boxes, it would be necessary for me to have access to your room there. How is this to be done? What I mean is, would you have to write and instruct Strang's to give me access to your room? Of course this would only be of use if you remembered in what box you had placed it and if that box were a locked one, if you sent me the key to it.

Or is it possible that you took the package with you to California in order to keep it under your personal protection? This envelope contains papers which I need to satisfy official government requirements in America, hence my endeavor to stress upon you the attempt to remember their whereabouts.

The arrival of the new child brings your family up to three. In view of your economic condition it would seem desirable to do what you can to let that be the

²⁰² PB himself inserted "My peace and affection" and "PB" by hand.

²⁰³ This address is from the hotel's letterhead.

maximum limit. This is also desirable for other reasons such²⁰⁴ as the burden and responsibility and anxiety which large families involve, and such as the delicate health of Ella May.

There is an extraordinary coincidence that the child was born on the same day in which my new book, THE SPIRITUAL CRISIS OF MAN was published here in New York. Perhaps there is some significance in [this, a very favourable one, I hope.]²⁰⁵

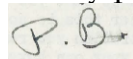
There is no present intention to leave New York for the West Coast before the end of this year. But of course matters are not finally settled as I have only just arrived.

After the 11th of April I shall no longer be at the above address, so it would be safer to address all letters to Box [34.]²⁰⁶

Am I correct in assuming, in the room at Strang's, where your own belongings are stored, a Steamer Trunk and probably 2 Cabin Trunks of mine are also stored? If so, how long are you likely to need them still?

[Happy to hear you think you are on your way to balance.

All my peace and affection]²⁰⁷



[PB]²⁰⁸

L48.077 1953 June 19

77 - 78

Letter to Anthony Damiani from PB²⁰⁹

Box 265

Brookfield Center, Conn.

19 June 1953

Anthony Damiani
2852 West 21st Street
BROOKLYN, 24
New York

²⁰⁴ Page 76

²⁰⁵ PB himself changed "this." to "this, a very favourable one, I hope." by hand.

²⁰⁶ PB himself changed "34 unless you have been given the new address" to "34." by typing a period after "34" and typing over the remaining phrase with x's.

²⁰⁷ PB himself inserted "Happy to hear you think you are on your way to balance." and "All my peace and affection" by hand.

²⁰⁸ PB himself inserted "PB" by hand.

²⁰⁹ This letter was entirely handwritten by PB himself.



My²¹⁰ new mail address is:
Box 265, Brookfield Center, Conn.

It will not be convenient to see you, Tony, on June 26 as we will not be free that weekend on account of Eva's mother arriving then from Ohio. We would be free, however, the following weekend, or the one after that, if you and Ella May want to come then. Are you? I am glad your weekdays are no longer free, as that means you are earning money again, but sorry we are unable to have our happy visits to the warehouse together. So I'll go there alone.

I have lost Volume 3 (Third Series) of my typed loose-leaf Notebooks. Have you any idea where it might be?

With my peace and affection

P.B.

[PB]²¹¹

L48.079 {1941}

79 - 80

Page from one of PB's books²¹²

Paul Brunton was born in London, November 27th, 1898, and was educated at the Central Foundation School and by private tutors. His early years were devoted to extensive European travel, to his interest in philosophy, literature, art, religion,

²¹⁰ Page 78

²¹¹ PB himself inserted "PB" by hand.

²¹² This page is from the back of "The Hidden Teaching Beyond Yoga"; we have left the punctuation and spelling and italics of the text as it appears in the original published material.

mysticism. After some free lance journalism, he accepted the editorship of *World Trade*. Later he served as editor of a travel journal, and as managing editor of *Success Magazine*, an inspirational periodical for young men.

Abandoning his journalistic career to devote himself to fulltime investigation and experiment in psychology and mysticism, he visited Egypt, Ceylon, India and Burma. There he studied the ideas and practices of the Yogis, fakeers, and holy men, and was the first white man to penetrate some of their secret hermitages. He was also initiated into many of their secrets and admitted as a member to some of their strange fraternities. On his return to England, he settled in a quiet Buckinghamshire village and began the writing of "A Search For Secret India," to which his friend, Sir Francis Younghusband, contributed the Foreword. (See back cover for comment on his other books.)

In 1938 Mr. Brunton came to America where he spent some months in New York and Los Angeles. Sailing from Los Angeles for China, he visited Siam and India, and it was there that he wrote the greater part of this present book. He is living in India now.

L48.081 1953 September 21

81 - 82

Letter to Anthony Damiani from PB

Box 265

Brookfield Center

Connecticut

September 21, 1953

Yes, Tony...²¹³

I reciprocate the thoughts and feelings expressed in your note of September 20.

Would you like to meet me Wednesday September 23 for dinner? We could find some little restaurant where we could have a quiet meal.

I'll be in New York city this Wed. and Thu. - but my schedule is completely filled for Thursday. Not having any data from you, I am unable to phone you at your place of business.

Therefore, please phone me between 12 noon and 1:30 p.m. at my warehouse - Beverly Storage Co., 304 East 61st St - TEmpleton 8-5830.

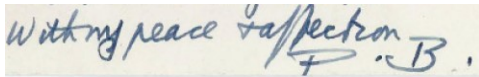
If you cannot reach me there for any reason I shall be at this number from 3:45 to 4:15 p.m. [Wednesday:] REgent 4-7174. [(the Wesselmans' where I will be sleeping)]²¹⁴

If you cannot meet me Wednesday, we shall have to postpone it until my next visit to town a fortnight later - unless you would want to come out here some weekend and help me with my [work, since I am so busy here now.]²¹⁵

²¹³ PB himself pencilled some numbers in the left margin; we are unable to guess their meaning. - TJS, 2020

²¹⁴ PB himself inserted "Wednesday" and "(the Wesselmans' where I will be sleeping)" by hand.

²¹⁵ PB himself changed "work." to "work, since I am so busy here now." by hand.



[With my peace and affection
PB]²¹⁶

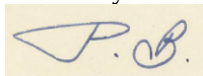
L48.083 {1953, September}

83 - 84

Letter to Anthony Damiani from PB²¹⁷
4 Powder Horn Hill
Wilton {Connecticut}²¹⁸
{September 1953}²¹⁹

Will you please alter the hour of your arrival, Tony, on Friday, the 25th to 10:30 a.m. punctually?²²⁰ That will be more convenient for everyone – you, us, and the Browns, who will both be here then.

With my Peace



PB

We are looking forward to the evening meal with you and Ella May later on.

L48.085 1954 July 14

85 - 86

Letter to Anthony Damiani from PB
Dr Paul Brunton²²¹
c/o J.V. Masson,
2534 Park Oak Dr.,
Hollywood 28 Calif.
14 July, 1954

It was very good of you to write me as you did, Tony... and I greatly appreciate it. If judged by outward appearances my act was certainly open to criticism. But to do that

²¹⁶ PB himself inserted "With my peace and affection" and "PB" by hand.

²¹⁷ This letter was entirely handwritten by PB himself.

²¹⁸ We inserted "Connecticut" for clarity.

²¹⁹ We inserted "September 1953" per context, as that is the only month besides December in 1953 that the 25th falls on a Friday – and PB was in California by December. This letter was likely written between September 21 and September 23. – TJS, 2020

²²⁰ We inserted a question mark for clarity.

²²¹ The address (including "Dr. Paul Brunton") is from the letterhead; PB himself typed "Until August 15th. 1954" above the letterhead.

would be to misunderstand me. This is one of those things in which the welfare of all concerned was consulted, and not merely PB's welfare. I am working for the future in which I trust you will find help not easily foreseen today.

Let it suffice that we were able to be together at the times that we did have, despite the conditions of toil which usually pervaded them. But one day I may be allowed to take my place as a teacher and then I hope our meetings will be in more appropriate conditions.

Your friend Charles Mirra has asked for an interview and for your sake I shall grant it, next week.

It is smoggy here in Hollywood, but I am trying to rent an apartment near the beach in Santa Monica.

After August 15th if you do not have any new address sent you, the only safe mailing address will be c/o Daniel Franz. 215 West 6th Street, Room 816, L.A. 14: [Calif.]²²²

With our Peace and affection to you and Ella May -



[Om Mani Padme Hum!

PB]²²³

L48.087 {1951} July 17

87 - 88

Letter to Anthony Damiani from PB
2534 Park Oak Drive, Hollywood 28

California

17 July {1951}²²⁴

Dear Tony,

My previous letter requesting you to send the loose-leaf ring binders may be cancelled if you have not yet despatched them. This is due to a development of plans.

I have been offered free of charge an excellent storage inside a business store [near]²²⁵ here. The Lincoln warehouse room was not in my original plan, I was to have paid half cost and shared the room with another man. He however failed to carry out this plan and I find the cost too high. I have decided to remove the goods and abandon the room.

²²² PB himself inserted "Calif." by hand.

²²³ PB himself inserted "Om Mani Padme Hum!" and "PB" by hand.

²²⁴ We inserted "1951" per context; while PB was at this specific address (the Massons') in July of both 1951 and 1954, he was only in Mexico in 1951. — TJS, 2020

²²⁵ PB himself typed "near" above the line and inserted it with a caret by hand.

But it is a complicated operation and will have to be done in stages extending over some weeks or even months but the sooner the better for my pocket! Your help is needed and your suggestions too.

[Job No. 1.]²²⁶ The first stage is to remove the contents of the two “security” trunks (black thin steel [lightweight,]²²⁷ they are locked) which contain my records and important papers, jewelry and publishers’ correspondence etc. These are to be collected together and packed into a single trunk. Their present cases are too thin to be sent here so they should be collected into the [black new-looking]²²⁸ heavy wooden trunk with brassbound corners in which I believe shirts are at present stored. The jewelry should be very carefully packed in a [small]²²⁹ metal or wooden box, which in turn is placed inside this trunk. Each item should be wrapped with tissue paper or cloth to protect against breakage. I do not think that a second trunk will be needed if you pack everything tightly. However I believe that inside one of these thin steel cases there are a collection of [decorative]²³⁰ office items, artistic curios and miscellaneous objects that were only temporarily put there. Remove them and do not send them with this lot.

This heavy trunk is then to be sent to me at the above address by Railway Express, collect, so you will have nothing to pay for it. Both tie-on labels and gummed-on labels should be used. (They may be in the “Travel” carton or you can get them.) But as it contains valuable items if they accept insurance you may send it insured for say \$700. [If]²³¹ they have a system of giving greater security against loss for the trunk, have it sent under that system.

That first job is the most urgent. You are to do it alone.²³² [Job 2]²³³ The second job is to remove to your home the following items because they are fragile delicate and breakable. (1) Dictating machine (2) Transcribing machine for same (Both are the “Audograph,” No. 2 is in a leather case. (3) Portable typewriter. [(4) antique Chinese porcelain teapot in basket.]²³⁴ These [four]²³⁵ items are to be stored in a safe place at your apartment until I can have them picked up by someone travelling to the West Coast and brought along under²³⁶ his personal supervision as part of his personal baggage. I think someone will be coming in a few weeks’ time but of course I shall inform you in advance.

²²⁶ PB himself inserted “Job No. 1.” by hand.

²²⁷ PB himself inserted “lightweight” by hand.

²²⁸ PB himself typed “black new-looking” above the line and inserted it with an arrow by hand.

²²⁹ PB himself typed “small” below the line and inserted it with an arrow by hand.

²³⁰ PB himself typed “decorative” below the line and inserted it with an arrow by hand.

²³¹ PB himself changed “Also” to “If” by typing over the old word with x’s and typing the new one below the line and inserting it with an arrow by hand.

²³² PB inserted underline by hand.

²³³ PB himself inserted “Job 2” in the right margin by hand, but with no indication of placement.

²³⁴ PB himself typed “(4) antique Chinese porcelain teapot in basket” above the line and inserted it with an arrow by hand.

²³⁵ PB himself changed “three” to “four” by hand.

²³⁶ Page 88 (“page 2” was typed at the top of the page)

[Job 3]²³⁷ The third job in order of urgency may be done with the help of a friend. Jim Covell is free now; also Romaine will be on vacation shortly. If an extra written authorisation is required by Lincoln to admit them, I will furnish it on request. It will be a lot of work that is why I suggest help, especially as these two will be free. However work it out yourself in the best way.

This job is (a) either to pack in cartons and remaining empty suitcases the balance of goods and store them in your apartment until my next visit to New York, when I shall remove them or (b) have the Lincoln warehouse people pack and despatch by cheapest way (truck sea or freight train) to my new Los Angeles storage, billing me with the cost by invoice which I shall send a check for.

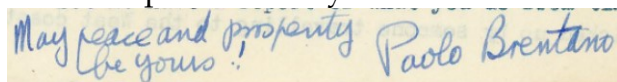
If you decide on method (a) I do not know how you would transport the cartons and cases to Staten Island; that is for you to decide, but whatever it is I would gladly send you the cost in advance.

I²³⁸ send you the keys to the locked cases. Please keep these keys as the two thin steel cases will have to be stored with you even if everything else is sent here since they would crumple up in the journey: also you would have to store the thin [dark]²³⁹ chocolate brown suitcase for air travel made of plastic. These cases I would collect from you in New York OR you would use them for packing the dictating machines and typewriter inside when they are going under the personal supervision of a traveller coming this way. The Chinese teapot is not to be sent here at all, not even through him, but to await my personal collection in New York eventually; it is too valuable and fragile. In fact, all kitchen crockery [and other items]²⁴⁰ made of porcelain is not to be sent here at all, but to be picked up by me eventually.

If you have any ideas about this whole job or suggestions I shall welcome them. Otherwise the above lines seem the only way to do it safely... Of course, the looseleaf binders would be sent here with the general freight despatch if Lincoln are sending but if they are not, then you would still have to send them here yourself.... The address of the storage here if Lincoln are packing and sending is: Dr P. Brunton, c/o Dr PUSHKIN, 521 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles 5, California.... But job No. 1²⁴¹ is to be sent to this Park Oak Drive address.

If I have to go to Mexico, the above instructions will still hold good as I will have to return to California again.

However continue to send mail here until a change is notified you, if any. Thanks. Let me have a report of what you do from time to time.²⁴²



²³⁷ PB himself inserted "Job 3" by hand.

²³⁸ Most of these two sentences were typed (erroneously, we believe) all caps; we have change it to sentence case for readability.

²³⁹ PB himself typed "dark" below the line and inserted it with an arrow by hand.

²⁴⁰ PB himself typed "and other items" below the line and inserted it with an arrow by hand.

²⁴¹ PB himself inserted underline by hand.

²⁴² PB himself inserted a period by hand.

[May peace and prosperity be yours!
Paolo Brentano]²⁴³

PS.²⁴⁴ I can't remember but some of the valuable papers etc may be stored in a third case, the dark chocolate brown thin air travel bag, so I send 3 keys

L48.089 1954 August 30

89 - 90

Letter to Anthony Damiani from PB
Dr Paul [Brunton]²⁴⁵
P.O. Box 38,524,
Vine Station,
Hollywood 38, Cal.
August 30, 1954

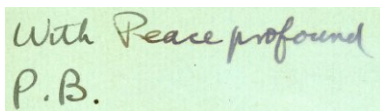
Since I've come to Calif., Tony...

I've seen your friend Charles and find that he has made very marked progress since I gave him an interview four years ago. Such a result must be very satisfactory to all of us.

At last I've settled down in a semi-rural apartment in the hills just outside Los Angeles and I take the opportunity of picking up correspondence for the 1st time since leaving New York to repeat my regret to you and Ella May over what happened at our last appointment. I reassure you that this was just one of those rare things not to be judged by appearances. Everything is being done for the best in the end as you will one day realise.

I'm enclosing a letter from a man in Brooklyn which I have not yet answered as I thought you might care to have a talk with him on my behalf and thus extend a little help to someone who seems to be in need. If you are unable to see him for any reason, pass the letter on to Kenneth. A single interview may suffice but that is left to your judgment.

The carton which I left with you was delivered here safely, although somewhat late.



With Peace profound
P.B.

[With Peace profound

²⁴³ PB himself inserted "May peace and prosperity be yours!" and "Paolo Brentano" by hand. Anthony was working at Brentano's bookstore in NYC at the time! TJS 20

²⁴⁴ This postscript was typed at the top of the first page of the letter (page 87).

²⁴⁵ "Dr. Paul Brunton" is from the letterhead; PB himself deleted "c/o J.V. Masson, 2534 Park Oak Dr., Hollywood 28 Calif." by hand and typed the new address below, with a handwritten note that reads: "address changed to" with an arrow pointing to it.

PB]²⁴⁶

L48.091 1954 September 2


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Letter to Anthony Damiani from PB
Dr Paul [Brunton]²⁴⁷
P.O. Box 38,524,
Vine Station,
Hollywood 38, Cal.
September 2, 1954

Further to my letter of a few days ago, Tony...

I have since received the enclosed from Gennaro Principe. It refers to you and Ella May. The contents are strange indeed, and show that he has still not recovered his mental balance. It is likely that he will pass through N.Y. on his way to Europe. It may be that you would wish to write to him or to see him. I do not intend to write at present since the stimulation would not be beneficial to him. It would be far healthier for him to abandon his interest in mysticism for a year, or even two, and get down to some perspiring manual or farm labour, which would²⁴⁸ fatigue²⁴⁹ him into sleep in the evenings. This is the only line upon which I can see a cure for his disordered state. If you wish to help him, you ought to know these things. He did not listen to my advice a few years ago. Of course I'm sorry for him. [Do not return his letter.]²⁵⁰

With Peace Profound,



[PB]²⁵¹

P.S.: Did I leave enough money with you in N.Y. to cover the cost of sending the railway express carton which you sent in July. If I didn't, would you let me know how much I owe you, and I'll be glad to send it.

L48.093 1955 March 4

93 - 94

²⁴⁶ PB himself inserted "With Peace profound" and "PB" by hand.

²⁴⁷ "Dr. Paul Brunton" is from the letterhead; PB himself deleted the remainder of the letterhead "c/o J.V. Masson, 2534 Park Oak Dr., Hollywood 28 Calif." by hand and typed the new address below.

²⁴⁸ PB himself typed "(over)" at the bottom of the page.

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²⁵⁰ PB himself inserted "Do not return his letter." by hand.

²⁵¹ PB himself inserted "PB" by hand.

Letter to Anthony Damiani from PB
838 Mokulua [Drive,]²⁵² Lanikai, Hawaii
4 March 1955

My dear Tony:

I [was glad to]²⁵³ read your letter of some time ago and hope that we shall be able to discuss these problems as soon as I arrive in New York this Spring. I do not yet know the exact [date, probably end of next month or mid-May.]²⁵⁴

It is evidently a period of great change for you, so before arriving at decisions, discuss them with others so as to get their points of [view; but also pray for guidance and meditate on it.]²⁵⁵

The question of diet and protecting oneself against the poisonous sprays used in food we shall also discuss when we meet, as it is rather complicated. However, I understand that there will be shortly opened in New York, a market for the sale of organically grown foods. The man from whom you could get the latest information, is Mr Simon Gould, whose address is [available at Farmfood Restaurant.]²⁵⁶ There is also a very small market of this kind at number 236 West 10th Street;²⁵⁷ meanwhile, it is best to wash the food very thoroughly and don't be too fearful [by exaggerating]²⁵⁸ dangers as although they do exist²⁵⁹ the washing will be a great help.

My kindest regards to Ella May and the children.

A photograph of a handwritten note on a piece of paper. The text is written in cursive and reads "With my peace and affection." followed by "P.B." on the next line.

[With my peace and affection.

PB]²⁶⁰

[All is developing very well in my inner work here: much time spent in meditation of a fruitful kind. You are not alone, while there is inner contact. I am always glad to get a letter from you]²⁶¹

²⁵² PB himself changed "Dr.," to "Drive," by hand.

²⁵³ PB himself inserted "was glad to" by hand.

²⁵⁴ PB himself changed "date." to "date, probably end of next month or mid-May." by hand.

²⁵⁵ PB himself changed "view." to "view; but also pray for guidance and meditate on it." by hand.

²⁵⁶ PB himself inserted "available at Farmfood Restaurant." in the blank space left by PB himself.

²⁵⁷ PB himself changed a comma to a semicolon by hand.

²⁵⁸ PB himself changed "about supposed" to "by exaggerating" by hand.

²⁵⁹ PB himself deleted a semicolon from after "exist" by hand.

²⁶⁰ PB himself inserted "With my peace and affection." and "PB" by hand.

²⁶¹ PB himself inserted "All is developing very well in my inner work here: much time spent in meditation of a fruitful kind. You are not alone, while there is inner contact. I am always glad to get a letter from you" by hand.

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Letter to Anthony Damiani from PB²⁶²

Casella Postale 105, CH, 6902 LUGANO – Paradiso (Ticino) Switzerland

29 January {1971}²⁶³

Anthony Damiani

Route 414, R.D.1.

VALOIS, New York 14888

Your note, undated, about grant of vacation, now here.

(1) You ask, dear Tony – for practical information. The weather about the time you are likely to arrive will be more or less [like your local weather]²⁶⁴ but probably a little better or sunnier [here]²⁶⁵ than in New York so the same kind of clothes should do – raincoat, topcoat, warm underclothing, boots or galoshes shoes. March is also windy here, strong currents. (2) When the train from Milan reaches Chiasso customs officers may ask if you have anything to declare, say no and bring no alcohol, tobacco or chocolate (all dutiable) as are at times gifts but you won't usually be asked to open cases. Stay on the train with your suitcases in Chiasso, where it waits for 15/20 minutes; don't get off. Take a taxi at Lugano RR depot to the hotel (I shall choose one and make reservation when you are able to send exact date). The train does not usually stop at Paradiso station, which is the one before Lugano, but if it does do not get off; continue to Lugano, or there will be problems.

(3) Ask your travel agent to give you train times from Milan, so you can estimate the interval of time as the airport is quite a distance from the depot. Remember that the airline provides a coach from airport to their city terminal which is near the station.

(4) Provide yourself with at least 10/15 dollars' worth of Italian money in New York to pay for Milan expenses – any balance can be exchanged here. Also 5 to 10 dollars of Swiss money for arrival expenses; the further Swiss money can be got here later. Safest to use Travellers Cheques – American Express or Thos Cook & Son/Wagon Lits Cook – latter are usually cheaper – for all your funds. Travel Agency will give you any other information needed.

(5)²⁶⁶ Thanks for offering to bring broth or soup powder. I have not yet found one quite suitable so I must take the nearest. It must be meat, fat, egg and milk-free. If salt-free is not available, ask for low-salt content. I was acquainted in NYC with two brands "Vogue" and "Ceres" but I'd like to find some other brand if possible; if not, please bring

²⁶² This page was entirely handwritten by PB himself.

²⁶³ We inserted 1971 per the postmark.

²⁶⁴ PB himself inserted "like your local weather" by hand.

²⁶⁵ PB himself inserted "here" by hand.

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[the two]²⁶⁷ as I have been without the powder for nearly a year, and it was an important item in my diet, which is so restricted. Thanks! If in glass jar, it is better to transfer powder to plastic bag, reinforced by a 2nd bag outside.

(6) I have kept all the letters from your students to go through each one with you personally. Om Gupta²⁶⁸ writes he may pass through Europe in July and wants to see me. I agree to do so, but it could only be for a short time. [You can give him my address etc]²⁶⁹

(7) My residence address is Via Carona 38, Paradiso (top floor)

My telephone is (091) = Lugano prefix 54-53-97

(8) After a transatlantic flight, the body [and mind need]²⁷⁰ rest to adjust the time-difference factor. So it would be best to rest at your hotel for awhile before meeting me.

With peace and affection

PB

[PS²⁷¹ Your aerogram of 25 Jan just in: I shall need to know: (1) your date arrival here since if you take a night plane it may be 22 Feb – date of reservation at hotel.]

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Letter to Anthony Damiani from PB²⁷²

“Jordil-A”

1807 BLONAY (Vaud)

Switzerland

Telephone: (021) 53-28 77

20 July 1976

It is now practicable to give you a definite answer, my dear Tony –

You are welcome to come here any time between now and Christmas, except for the following periods

(1) 20 July – 20 August (part of this time, i.e. 5-14 August I shall be away, D.V.²⁷³ from Switzerland)

(2) 22 September – 2nd October

²⁶⁷ PB himself changed “them” to “the two” by hand.

²⁶⁸ Om Gupta was an older student of Anthony Damiani’s in the early days of Wisdom’s Goldenrod in Ithaca, New York; he visited PB several times in the late ’60s and early ’70s. – TJS, 2020

²⁶⁹ PB himself inserted “You can give him my address etc” by hand with a different pen.

²⁷⁰ PB himself changed “needs” to “and mind need” by hand.

²⁷¹ This postscript appears in the left margin of the first page of this letter (page 95).

²⁷² This page was entirely handwritten by PB himself.

²⁷³ “Deo volente” is Latin for “God willing.” – TJS, 2020

So you have nearly all autumn to choose from. But it is necessary to let me know the date you would arrive here as soon as it is arranged.

Blonay is a village away from the coast, inland, midway between Montreux and Vevey. Geneva is nearest airport. There is a little mountain train from Vevey to Blonay. 1½ hotels here; price about 30 franc for the bigger and better, 20 franc for the smaller and inferior. Otherwise plenty of hotels, etc in²⁷⁴ Vevey. I would make a reservation for you if desired.

Please refuse to forward applications for a meeting with me.

All else when we meet.

With Peace and Affection

PB