

Jim Covell Letters

Editor's Note: James "Jim" Covell came into PB's orbit sometime in the 1940s, along with Anthony Damiani (q.v.), Romaine Stevens, the Waegners, the Massons, Nora Briggs, Norma Hutzler, and many other Americans. PB lived for a time in NYC and also in California—and while in these locales he gave talks to groups interested in mysticism and Eastern philosophy. A few of the individuals in these groups (including most of those just named) volunteered their services to PB in hopes of gaining greater access to him—or from a genuine desire to make themselves useful to him, or both. Wherever possible, PB accommodated these offers of help, with mixed success. Jim Covell became—or was—mentally unbalanced and a ne'er-do-well, always flitting from one money-making scheme to another, and he had an inflated sense of his own spiritual development. PB distanced himself from Jim after a few years, but Jim persisted in reaching out to PB, often mailing him massive mystical ramblings or requests for investment funds. PB rarely replied to these after the first few years, since he found that tactful responses were ineffective. Most of the letters in this file were handwritten from between 1939 to 1987.

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

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

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

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Letter from PB to Jim¹

Rancho las Palmillas, Route Two, Box 559, Tuscan, Arizona
December 8th. 1947.

I read your interesting report and news with much interest, Jim,

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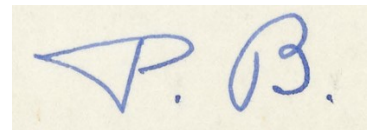
and answered it mentally. Your service here was much appreciated and if it had been possible for me to carry on a large establishment you would certainly have remained -- if it had not been against the interests of your professional career also. I much admired the ego-less way in which your service was given and the emotion-controlled character which you showed here. Even more, however, I appreciated the fact that you appear to have mastered the Ultimate teaching far better than any of the others who have come in contact with me so far in this country. It seems to me that any future work which you may have to do for me, whether of research or of writing, should be directed to the Higher Philosophy, as there are so many who are able to deal with ordinary mysticism, but I have found so few who can comprehend the philosophical mysticism so well as you have done.

With regard to your work, please do not make San Francisco a fetish. If, after sufficient time and investigation, you do not find what you seek there, feel free to proceed to Los Angeles, or any other part of the country that you deem prudent. I merely suggested San Francisco as a possible, interesting place for you to look at and work in. I do not wish to convey the suggestion that it is the only place you should work in. However, for your own sake, I hope it will turn out to be a worth-while visit, and even more.

I have decided that next winter I shall most probably move to California as the cost of living here is too high in Arizona. I have also acted and have definite arrangements in hand for departure during the first week of May for Europe, returning by the end of September to this country.

Please write to me as often and as freely as you feel, for we understand each other well enough and I know that you do not demand written replies. Moreover, if at any time, you find yourself free to do so and wish to visit me, you will always be welcome.

With my peace and affectionate regards,



P.S. I forgot to ask you a question when you were here and that is: have you read the writings of Thoreau -- and what do you think of them?

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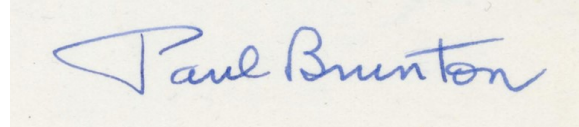
Letter of introduction from Paul Brunton
Box 34, Station D, New York 3, U.S.A.
November 9 1947

To whom it may concern:

This is to introduce Mr James Covell, who has been a student of my work for several years and on my staff for the past few months. He is now resuming his teaching work.

I have a high respect for his personal character and devotion to the spiritual quest.

He is visiting San Francisco for the first time and any service that can be rendered him will be much appreciated by me.



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Letter from PB to Jim
181 East Lake Shore Drive²
May 2nd 49

Dear Jim:

Thank you for the further information about the publishers.

Your employment problem is evidently getting crucial. I have now discussed it with Danial Franz and it is quite probably that within the next week or two you will get an offer from him to come to New York and coach his younger son, Micky for the summer. The latter needs tutoring Dan is seeking an apartment and one with a number of bedrooms He hopes to get one shortly. Then his son will come to stay with him in New York. If this proposition materializes, your fare to N.Y. will be paid, and suitable reimbursement made -- enough to enable you to live over the summer whilst still allowing you the chance to seek permanent employment.

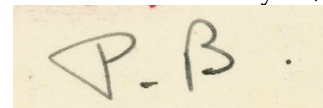
If his offer materializes, I strongly advise you to accept it. With all its climactic attractions, the California scene does not seem too lucky for you and one must bow to destiny at certain times.

I expect to move to New York in the late summer.

Herein a check for \$70 to help you meet immediate necessities.

Will you please translate the enclosed letter to English as quickly as conveniently possible? Thanks.

Peace be with you,



² "For May & June at:" is typed above the address.

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Memo from Aubrey to Jim
July 49

Memo: To Jim from Aubrey:

Subject: Bermuda Shorts.

Bermuda (Knee Length) shorts may be obtained at the John David shop on the north side of 42nd. St. midway in the block between Broadway and Sixth Ave.

For PB the size is 32 (waist). If this size is not available 34 or 30 would be acceptable in that order. Fabric: PB's preference is for grey corduroy but the same fabric and color as mine³ would be acceptable. (The denim type with rope belt is not acceptable)

Belt: adjustable cloth belt - metal buckle

Macy's has shorts no belts - only loops on side for shortening waist.

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Letter from PB to Jim
Omaha⁴
July 2, 51

My dear Jim

It was most generous of you to offer me hospitality of a room in your new quarters. However I have been away from New York ever since I last saw you in March, in parts of the midwest. I wander!

Since God has brought me to a point where I am immersed in my own further development through retreat and meditation etc, I will not be accessible for an indefinite period to those who seek me on the physical plane. I do not know when it will end. But I am always there for anyone who seeks mentally with faith devotion and practice of the teaching.

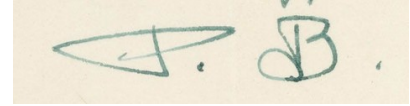
These are momentous years; balance your ego, and then surrender it, to cope with what is to come to us all.

Thank you for past services and I hope you are still trying to cultivate that "Sunny Jim" personality!

With peace and affection

³ "Maker's designation on waistband reads (Walkshort Play 31)" is typed at the bottom and inserted here.

⁴ "c/o Allen Service, 545 5th nyc 17" is handwritten at the top of the page.



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Letter from PB to Jim
California⁵
21 January 52

Dear Jim,

Sorry to have kept your script so long but I only arrived in this country last month from Mexico, where I spent several months in retreat, and have had to get reorganized again

Here it is. I like it. However I have no idea whether the American editors will like it too; I seem to be getting more and more remote from their commercialistic atmosphere, of which I sometimes despair. Perhaps you will have to try the openly 'spiritual' magazines to get a more favorable hearing, only I don't know what they are now. However I picked up one the other day here which might be worth trying: "Science of Mind" 3251 Street Los Angeles 5.

Your article is very sensible but we live in such a senseless society! I suggest that you drop the last two words "Will you?" from the last page; as it seems like preaching. Otherwise I have no criticisms and I'd like a carbon copy one day for my records, or possible magazine!

I would like to know the precise meaning of the German words "lagernd" when it appears in a publishes-booksellers catalog prefixing a title not published by the firm.

If you are in communication with Kay Hamill you might tell her that I wrote last July c/o Romaine, as I hadn't her address with me and was traveling, and hope she got the letter. Anyway I want to thank her for her repeated offers of service but there is no need to repeat since I accept no service that I can possibly do for myself; and I have so simplified matters that I am almost selfcontained. Tell her also that I have withdrawn from interviews and correspondence and don't give personal guidance nor any other help than remembrance in prayer. She need not write so often to express her gratitude etc as I am trying to keep my mail down in size, and I understand clearly her attitude, and am unable to reply; more letters will only defeat her object; right thought is better. However I have asked Mr Samuel Lohr, who spends most of his time in prayer and meditation and correspondence, having nothing else to do, to correspond with her, if she wishes.

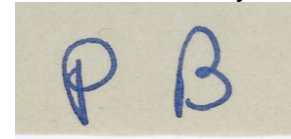
I also send some translations to be done at your convenience.

⁵ "Box 34, Cooper Station New York 3" is typed at the top of the page.

I am trying to complete a new book against heavy odds, and when finished I shall visit New York. This visit now seems to be about the end of March.

My permanent mail address has been changed this month to the above

Peace be with you



PS What is the meaning of the following: (underlined words only not understood)

(1) "dass wir auf die deutschen Rechte verzichten"

(2) Wir hoffen dass Sie inzwischen die Ihnen zukommenden Exemplare erhalten haben"

give reference to Rascher letter January 3rd

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Letter to PB

Apartment 4a, 115 Stuyvesant Pl. Staten Island 1, N.Y.

Feb. 9, 1952

Dear PB

Thank you for the useful suggestion about my article and for taking time to go over it. I am waiting to see what the Los Angeles magazine has to say about it.

I have given Kay Hamill your message. Our relationship recently took on the form of an affair and I am struggling to get away from that now. I need higher help. I hope some day I shall be completely freed from this difficulty. I pray for it always.

The translations are enclosed with the originals in this letter. The word "lagernd" in the publishers-booksellers catalog means "in stock." Rascher said in the January 3rd letter that they "renounce the German rights" and "hope meanwhile you have received the copies they sent you."

It is good to know another book is on the way. I look forward to it eagerly.

Your letter was timely. I don't quite see how I shall come through without your steadying hand. I've got to have stronger faith.⁶

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Letter from PB to Jim and Pat

Copenhagen⁷

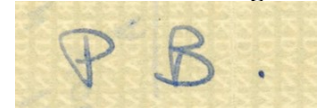
⁶ Back of letter is a flyer for a course-book "Latin for Americans."

June 17, '52

My dear Jim and Pat

Your letters have just come into my hand. I am sorry: I wish I could help you formulate the right decision but I am powerless to do so. There is no mandate permitting me to influence others in arriving at such momentous decisions. All I can say is that people on the quest need to get to know each other quite well - which means get to know the negatives as well as positive sides of their characters - before deciding. If you both know each other's negatives, and feel you can live with them too, then only is it wise to arrive at an affirmative decision, let me know the result.

Accept my peace and kindest thoughts,



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Letter from Jim to PB

June 27, 1952

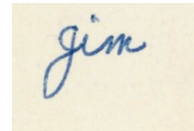
Dear PB

Pat has already told you our decision on the basis of your latest much-wanted views. This whole relationship has me goggle-eyed.

We have been corresponding for the past month in great volume every day. Both our positive and negative traits have been touched on in considerable detail, involving every phase of our past lives and our personalities. Now we are ready to consider matters in person.

I am dumbfounded with all the demands on your time now how you could find any to help us on so soon!

With deepest appreciation and kindest regards to you and Evangeline,



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Letter from Jim Covell to Ken Hurst

Wed 1 APR 87

⁷ "1952/53 address c/o Grindlays Ltd 54 Parliament Street London, S.W.1. England" is typed at the top of the page.

My Dear Ken Hurst...

I am so grateful to CM for letting me know that the work on PB's biography is going forward. The first request for the shipment of his file, 13 FEB 85, following on the heels of a series of various ideas - working for PB, a book from an earlier incarnation of his, forming a publishing company, retirement plans, Arizona or Malaga, an MS on Mentalism - all dropped in a rapidly changing scene, seemed at the time like just one more likely to fall by the wayside. CM's tip-off re your present activities - lectures, move to Valois and actual work on the biography - changed all that. I am so glad it is going on in earnest!

Preparing the j-file for research was quite an eye-opener: the WWII years, 1st marriage, translations, 2nd marriage, articles, book, poems, Ecuador, final efforts to work on material eventually taken over by the new now generation of "Centrists" - all have passed in review in better perspective.

Unlike the uncomplicated P-file, this one at first seemed to bulky to fit into 1 envelope. The first step was to trim the fat: numerous letters from jc to PB (still on file if needed.) Next, a clutter of small pieces, not easy to handle, some with writing on 2 sides. These have been consolidated wherever possible on 8 1/2 x 11 photocopies holding 2 letters of a letter and a card on 1 sheet. Larger pieces with writing on both sides have been marked P.T.O. when combining verso and face was impractical. Only towards the end of the photocopying did I get the hang of lining 2 pieces up with dates in consecutive order from left to right. So those copies that reverse that order have been marked (1) and (2) respectively.

Thirteen non-PB letters or excerpts have been retained: (1) PB to Pauline Pohlmann, 1st wife: 8 OCT 42 (2) DF-jc 6 AUG 44: PB in NY (3) *ibid.* California's spiritual heritage (4) BM-jc 22 DEC 47: Cold in Tuscan (5) *ibid.* 30 DEC 47: translations (6) jc to Doris (?) 23 Jan 51: PB in Hotel Esplanade in NY (7) jc/PB 9 FEB 52 re translations (8) jc/PB P-J marriage: 27 JUN 52 (MS:KH tried to sell it to McGraw Hill: 13 FEB 56 Thank you.). PB-KH: (9) Excerpt: PB-RS 26 JAN 60: the fateful year and (10) Excerpt: PB-EF: 6 FEB 60 (11) DM-PC 22 MAY 60: PB in Australia - Jeff's great promise (12) FW: PB's endorsement of his foods (61?) (13) KH to P and J: 8 DEC 74 work on posthumous notebooks that would be taken over at the Center.

Working with PB brings great rewards but also high costs. If he could be incredibly gentle and generous, he could also be extraordinarily tough and waspish. But disciplinary action was never arbitrary or whimsical, never spiteful or random. Criticism was always precisely directed and controlled by reason and intelligence, discreetly adapted to the fault and the evolutionary status of the fumbler. He rounded on me cuttingly for placing name and address too high on the envelope. Reason! The postmark could obscure data needed for sure delivery. Yet summing up my stay in Croton-on-Hudson, I much preferred PB's Joan Surbrug's fine china cups, he just said: "Try to think why that happened."

Your close association meant many more such encounters with him than any of us could possibly have had. Such training exercises accelerated our growth and steeled

us against the world's malignancy. How few of us can really know what it is like to be so vulnerable and accessible, as he was, to malignant forces that burrowed from within on the mental plane, unseen and unapparent in the physical world. Withdrawing from society into solitude was no guarantee of immunity from these sinister psychic powers. The only safe place was in the Overself, into which he could withdraw at will. One day, in Croton, he had to lie down a while. The immense psychic weight of even non-malignant beings wanting him to solve their problems for them was overpowering.

As the son of such a sage, your position in the world cannot but be in public in a world of spiky unseen unheard "slings and arrows" that is unique. None of us can really share your high rare privilege but neither can any know your keen heartbreaks, nor can feel the weight of your burdensome responsibility. For those who have known the father will naturally expect much of the son. Some will not understand that a sage's mantle does not pass from parent to child and⁸ you must, like him, earn your own salvation. They will therefore expect more of you than of any other student. "Tis a harsh world, my masters!"

Still, on the lecture tour and as his biographer, you have the peerless privilege of revealing a PB most of us could never know. And that is precisely what most of us want to know better: the sage and the father. What is it like to be the son of a sage? When all of us are permitted by Destiny to be his students only? I know he wants us to say "students of philosophy" not of Brunton, yet from the very beginning, PB has been the only one I could really trust in the whole world to tell me the truth.

And now I commit these few testimonials of his meteoric passage through our lives to your competent care. If part of this work may seem to stretch beyond your reach, by reaching for the heights you will extend your stretch to become a finer, greater grander human being. You have made such progress this lifetime! The lecturer and biographer I know today is a far far cry from the unemployed youth badgering his father for a car in Croton-on-Hudson. Now he has his own car! The best! His life is now dedicated to making known to a generation who never knew him the greatest sage of all time to date: Mr Philosophy Himself!

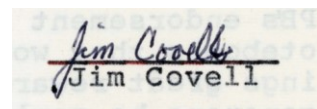
I don't know how I can really help you in this work, which is such a highly personal assignment, when age has begun to slow my step. But I can still raise you aloft to the Overself in daily prayers - and do, still send upholding supportive thoughts in your high endeavours. As you forge on with your monumental task, part of me goes with you, walks by your side. The task is one that only you can do.

"And the hushed ones are turning their gaze

To see what you do with your chance in the chamber of days."

Edwin Markham's: The Day & the Work

I send you my best wishes and kindest thoughts in all you do.

A rectangular stamp containing a handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim Covell" and a printed name in black ink below it that also reads "Jim Covell".

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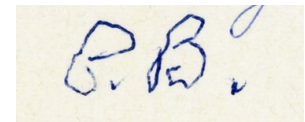
Letter from Paul cash and dictation from PB to Jim Covell
July 21, 1981⁹

Dear Jim Covell,

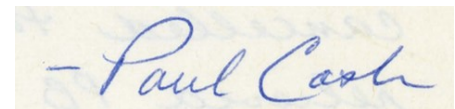
This letter will update and conclude all the correspondence to date on both sides regarding the possibility of your visiting PB. Your most recent letter, dated July 10, cancelled the request for a visit, and relieved PB from certain difficulties he would have had to face in making arrangements for you.

Physical and mental difficulties which have arisen from or have been worsened by PB's last operation make everything move more slowly and take more time to get done.

"It¹⁰ is very interesting that you are able to take your studies in mentalism so deeply, when most others find it something of a struggle, and not too convincing. However, the few who do, find it's satisfying and helpful, for the Maharshi himself, when I first met him, replied to my statement about having to return to London because of 'pressures,' "Why not suppose that you are in London?""



Jim¹¹ - PB dictated the last paragraph, and the signature is his.



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Letter from Myron to Jim
Undated¹²

Dear Jim,

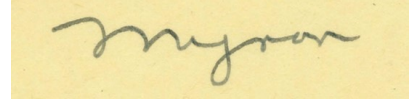
Enclosed a letter from Paul. Good luck in all you do.

⁹ "AR THU 30 JULY 81" is handwritten at the bottom of the page.

¹⁰ "Dictated" is handwritten in the left margin.

¹¹ Page 22

¹² "All correspondence from PB prior to first personal meeting in march 1947" is handwritten in a different hand at the bottom of the page.



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Map of PB's travels around India Based on Search in Secret India
Undated

1. Bombay 1937
2. Ahmednagar 1975
3. Bombay 1973
4. Poona 1974
5. Madras 1380
6. Chingleput 1380
7. Rajahmundry 1380
8. Berkampur 1985
9. Puri 2086
10. Calcutta 2288
11. Buddha-Gaya 2585
12. Benares 2583
13. Lucknow 2789
14. Dehra Ismail Kahn {2271}
15. Dayalbagh 2778
16. Timarni 2277
17. Nasik 2074
18. West India
19. Bombay 1973
20. Madras 1380
21. Arunchala 1279

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Letter from Paul Brunton to James Covell
c/o Thomas Cook & Son, Post Box 171, Madras, India
20th April 39.

Dear Mr Covell,

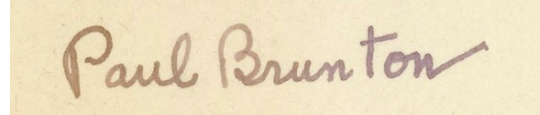
I have your letter of March the 6th. I am glad to hear that you have found the reading of my book so illuminating. It is encouraging to know that my efforts are producing the fruit which they were intended to produce.

I should be pleased to give you a personal interview when next I revisit United States which will be, I hope, in the early part of next year.

Meanwhile you may find it useful to correspond with my American representative and personal student Mr Myron Franz (231 South La Salle Street, Chicago), if you have not already done so; you will find that a careful perusal of my recent book -- "Discover Yourself" -- (Publishers: Messrs. E.P. Dutton & Co., New York) Should be extremely helpful.

I send you my peace and blessings,

Sincerely yours,



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Letter from Paul Brunton to Jim Covell
Thos. Cook & Son, Postbox 171, Madras, India.
April 15. 1940

Dear Jim Covell,

Your letters of August and February last, and your photograph have been received. In response to your urgent request I have today sent you a cablegram reading: "Wait eight months writing."

This triangle is somewhat complicated and cannot be adjusted so abruptly without causing a slip back on the path for both you and Pauline Pohlmann. I am well aware that the prospect of a happy time with her after the rough going you have hitherto made, is very tempting. And she has an eager impulsiveness in this matter which is quite natural in view of the mental harmony between you. However the fact that George P. is not a brute but an extremely fine soul who treats her in a most considerate unselfish way, renders it necessary for you both to tread warily unless you want to bring some painful karma down on your heads. I have therefore counselled you to drop the entire question of divorce etc for the period until the end of this year. By that time it will be possible for all of you to review matters more coolly and we can then decide what is the right thing to do. Meanwhile relations should be kept on a high level as friends, not as lovers. This will give you both the opportunity of undergoing a terrific self-discipline but if you want to tackle the quest seriously, you must undergo it. Remember our chief obstacle on this path is the 'I', the ego, so to put it down for a while will only help you.

It is unwise to take the view that destiny is working to bring you both together in the way you think. I pass no comment upon the truth of this view, but only upon its wisdom. You are not in a position to see what destiny desires to do. Better put that angle of approach away and consider matters as reasonable human beings.

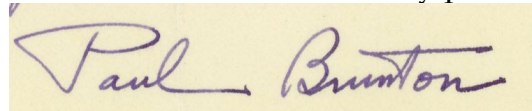
This does not mean that I am not sympathetic towards the feelings of both, but it means that I want to save unnecessary pain all round.

I say neither yes nor no, but wait. The final decision will be made by next New Year.

Myron has been giving you some sound advice on other matters and I agree with his counsel; it will certainly benefit you to become more realistic and adjust yourself to a career in the world with more ambition as its mainspring. You need not fear about losing any spiritual growth because so long as you keep in contact with the right source, that won't happen. Aim at a balanced existence. You will do some useful work for others one day but you have to find yourself first. In any case the worst is over for you, whatever your personal feelings are.

I am glad you are keeping in touch with Myron; it will help you. However - patience, things will come right in the end.

With my peace,



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Telegram from Paul Brunton to James Covell

1940 APR 15

WAIT EIGHT MONTH WRITING=

PAUL BRUNTON.

EIGHT MONTH

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Letter from Paul to Jim Covell

Thos. Cook & Son, Postbox 171, Madras, India

February 11, 1941

My dear Jim,

Your letters of April and September last year, and of January '41 reached me, and I was very glad to hear from you each time. You have lived through a profound experience which has marked a turning-point in your life. In a sense, it has awakened you from a semi-dreamlike condition into which you often used to lapse. However even the suffering it has brought you has had its value, too, and in the better perspective afforded by time you will later come to understand what all this has meant

but it is not quite possible to do this so early. But some of the lessons you are beginning to comprehend.

Pauline Pohlmann sent me a not last September too but as it does not call for a reply I have not written her. Anyway I much appreciated her words.

And I am happy that the Schirmer friendship has been mutually beneficial as hoped.

Whatever the near future holds for you and Pauline, you must accept the present uncertainty as a discipline not without its value.

If the army service is to be your present destiny, accept it in the spirit of righteous duty, of a service to your fellow-humans which is their due. Keep this thought as the compensation-balance to whatever environment you may be thrown into.

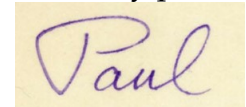
If I am not sending any further counsel at the moment anent P.P. it is because the necessity of waiting has not yet passed.

My final word to you is that you need not worry, neither about the events of the past nor about what is to come in the future. You have to remould your personality, to fit it for a more strenuous career of service, and these things will play their own part in the process. Avoid self-pity and melancholy moods as far as you can; the clouds will pass eventually and you will learn what beauty there is in the sunshine.

Space is only a figment of the mind; I am near you already; stick to the Quest and we shall meet in the flesh at the appointed hour. You have my kindest thoughts always.

TO JIM COVELL,

with my peace,



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Letter from Paul to Jim
care Thos. Cook & Son Postbox 171 Madras
August 18. 1941

Dear Jim,

I have your letter of March 30. I am glad you were able to complete requirements for the M.A. degree before you were called up for the army. I think it was most important for you to have done so, from the standpoint of your future career.

The question of the effects of your nervous collapse still pursuing you will, I believe, find much of its solution in the Army life into which you have entered since writing your letter. For it will build you up physically and the rough open air existence

will harden your body. The rest of the cure cannot be effected by physical means but I can very easily put you right after my return to the West.

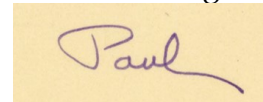
Now I want you to understand that an old phase of your life has come to an end, and that you are being drafted into the Army symbolised a new cycle which you must learn to accept gracefully. I know well that Military life will not be very pleasant for a scholar of your type but I assure you that it is just what you need at the moment. I have myself been through that phase and know its value for persons of our type. It will make you more balanced and bring you down to earth from the dreaminess and vagueness in which you are apt to lose yourself at times. So welcome it with the deeper part of your nature, understand what you are going to gain from it spiritually and physically and remember that in the end it is only a temporary and transitional phase. Finally there is still the much higher standpoint of service first for the protection of your country and second for the protection of civilization from Hitler's onslaughts. Never before has such a gigantic effort been made by the forces of evil to enslave the mind and bodies of men as is not being made through the instrumentality of the Nazis. You should therefore be glad that you are taking our part on the right side in this world-wide struggle.

Now regarding the other matter of Mrs Pohlmann you may now appreciate the wisdom of the advice which I gave you about a year ago. I have indeed received a letter from her written during April in which she herself now realizes the wisdom of her waiting policy. There is a destiny behind the whole affair and it will work itself out in the best way. Meanwhile don't yield to regrets or to melancholy thoughts and wait and watch how all this is going to work out as it should.

I am glad you were able to meet Miss. Schirmer.

Please tell Mrs Pohlmann that although I am not going to write her a letter she has my kindest thoughts and peace and the advice which I had given you about this matter may be communicated to her. Tell her that every one has behaved splendidly -- her husband, herself and yourself -- and that as all three are seeking to express their highest ideal we may rest assured that the right outcome will be shown at the proper time. And it is better that the light should come out of your own inner growth than out of my dictation, and the growth of all three during the past twelve months has been marked indeed.

I send you my peace and kindest thoughts

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "Paul", on a yellow rectangular background.

P.S. I regret to inform you that I have cancelled Myron's representation of me. He remains my legal representative but has no authority to speak on my behalf in spiritual matters.

P.P.S. Hold to the thought of the Overself. Remember its aspect of divine strength and courage. You are not doomed to failure but rather destined to attain.

L46.037

37 - 39

Copy of letter from Paul Brunton to Mrs Pohlman
Thos. Cook & Son, Post Box No. 171, Madras India
8th October 42

(This is a copy of a letter from PB to my first wife. He knew that our marriage was not right for either of us. It lasted 9 months.)

Dear Mrs Pohlmann...

Your letters of September 16th 1941 and January 2nd '42 were safely received. Thank you also for your Christmas 1941 greetings card which has such an attractive picture that I have kept it until now. The scene of an American village under snow raises a kind of nostalgia in me and makes me a trifle impatient for the coming of peace when I shall be free to get back to the West and settle down there for good. It reminds me of some villages in Connecticut whither I had escape from New York in the past for relaxed week-ends. Please pardon the long delay in writing you. I have been under terrific pressure of work all through this year and had to neglect correspondence. However this will relax shortly.

Another reason for my silence is that it is impossible for me to deal satisfactorily with the triangular problem between yourself, George and Jim by post. I know that it will be possible to solve the problem adequately and finally at a personal interview and as this is impossible under present conditions, I prefer to do nothing at all other than what I have previously suggested to Jim which was to let matters move very slowly and to make no irrevocable decision in haste.

I fully appreciate the complexities of this problem and sympathise with all three of you and know that there is a way out of it, although it is not necessarily an easy way, but you will please pardon my inability to do more at present under the circumstances, especially so as I also know that the process of time would by itself tend to bring a solution without my advice. The complexity arises mainly because of the fine ideals which exist in each one of you. Each of you has to find a balance between the three forces of personal desire, idealistic aspiration and practical wisdom. This is not easy. So please forgive my further silence on this matter, although I shall always be pleased to help solve the intellectual problems which may arise as a consequence of the study of the books.

Certainly Jim needs a process of psychological healing and I shall be very happy to help in this after the war is over. Incidentally it is a long time since I had written him too. Will you please let me know what is his latest address as I wish to write him also.

I am glad you were able to meet Miss Schirmer and do hope you find it worth while to know her.

With this letter I send you my peace and kindest thoughts.

Paul Brunton

(When Dan took us on to work as his house help (if we got married), upon our arrival in Beverly Hills, Dan's wife, Linda, had received a psychic message from PB then in India: "This marriage is a mistake. They have left New York.")

(Incidentally, PB told us in a bus on the way to the movie in Westwood in 1955 that Miss Schirmer had been lured into Communism.)

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39 - 40

Letter from Paul Brunton to James Covell
c/o Thos Cook & Son Postbox 171, Madras India
June 16, 1943

My dear Jim,

Your letters of October 13 and December 6, 1941 were received and since then your letter of March 3, 1943 has come in. Please note that should you write again by airmail, the letter must be registered or it will most probably fail to reach me. I shall always be pleased to hear from you.

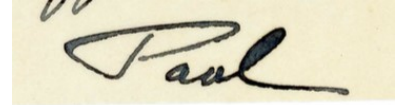
I have not written you for more than a year although I wanted to do so three or four times. The principal matter about which I wish to write was unfortunately too involved in your intimate life and too concerned with our esoteric philosophy, for me to be able to do so under wartime conditions of correspondence. So I had to be content with thought messages instead. Now however you have ventured to raise this matter yourself in your last letter. So I merely wish you to know that I was seriously concerned about it all last year, because some of your other major troubles hinged in upon it. What help I could give, has been given -- or rather, it was given by the Overself as grace for I in my ego can do little. The past is done with, now, and you may confidently adopt a hopeful attitude towards the future. The worst is over; the better is coming. You have learnt some much-needed lessons. Profit by them in personal life whilst you have also learnt that what you failed to do by your own powers has been done for you by the diviner ones. There is no need for despair. Hope on.

About P. you will now realise the wisdom of the advice I gave you a long time ago. Precipitate action would have been wrong. Apply this same lesson to your present situation. You will lose nothing by waiting until you are sure that this is right for you. Your whole outlook had formerly been confused by the other trouble; now it is clearing up. The clearer it becomes the more easily will you see the truth about this situation.

About your army service; you will remember how I encouraged you to take it up. Whatever the external side of it be, you have greatly contributed your bit in this world struggle against the evil forces of Nazidom. Your fighting life must be carried through in the spirit of Prince Arjuna's counsel from Krishna: With inward calm but outward efficiency, fight bravely as a duty but without hatred and impersonally.

I have faith in you -- but the real You has yet to make an appearance. When it does you will at the same time find your real work in life -- which is something quite other and much more important than you yet know.... There are two chapters in my new book, which has now been published, ("The Wisdom of the Overself") which should be particularly useful to you.... One day we shall meet again and until then you may count on me, for I appreciate your loyalty.

With peace and affectionate regards

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41 - 42

Letter from Paul Brunton to Jim
Grindlay and Company, Postbox 49, Madras, India
8th April 1944

My dear Jim,

Your letters of September 6, 1943 and January 1, 1944 and the telegram announcing your change of address were all received and read with pleasure. I feel that this whole army experience despite the difficulties involved will work out in the end for your very great benefit and is providing you with a range of experience which your former scholastic and academic life could never have provided. All this quite apart from the fact of obvious duty in this terrible life and death struggle against the Nazi attempt at world domination; as you know I have already expressed in the book "The Wisdom of the Overself" my view that in this war we are not merely fighting evil men and their duped followers but also evil spirits who seek to put back the clock of human evolution. They will be defeated of course but the conflict becomes increasingly more desperate as it nears its end.

Your reference to the difficulty in accommodating the practical and philosophical view of existence is understandable. However these dual views of existence should not be mistaken for contrasting and opposing ones. As you may have read in my last book the ultimate insight synthesises both although it cannot prevent the continuance of their variation. It is as though the foreground of the mind must hold the practical view whilst the background simultaneously holds a philosophical view. This would be the condition for you to achieve in your present stage of development. In the adept however there arrives after long practice and profound experience a condition of illumination which treats all experience for the idea that it is and at the same time keeps in the light of the ever-burning lamp of reality -- Pure Mind. --

Let me know from time to time how it is with the nervous and muscular ill-health from which you used to suffer in the past. It has been considerably relieved already compared with its former condition. Physical helps to the cure are important.

Have faith that it would be permanently eradicated in the end and certainly so when we are able to meet again. It must be eradicated for it obstructs all progress, spiritual, intellectual and personal career. Moreover as you may now be aware this is not unconnected with the various attitudes you took at different times during the Pauline affair.

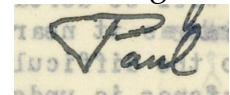
Should the fortunes of war bring you with the American Forces to India I hope you will endeavour to obtain furlough and come to stay with me as long as possible as my guest. My home is in Mysore City, capital of Mysore State, Madras being only the address for receiving my overseas mail. I should be delighted if this could happen, so please bear it in mind. Please note my new mail address as given on the head of this letter.

Do¹³ not speculate prematurely about the form which your post-war work may take. My reference to it was en passant and will not be developed, important though it is. Let the pleasant skies of peace first return and then we shall discuss such subjects.

With reference to the P affair no decision will be a safe one until the element of doubt is quite absent from it. Until then, the best course is to wait patiently.

The most important factor at the moment in your inner life is the cultivation of the harder qualities like will, decision, execution, endurance, determination, energy and the like. Your present experience may well help you do this.

With my peace and fraternal regards

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Letter from Myron to Jim

NY City

Aug 6 1946

Dear Jim,

Your program sounds interesting. Maybe one day you will be Dr Covell. Do you get credit from UCLA for the library work? Incidentally is UCLA an adequate school for graduate work?

One understands there is a great shortage of instructors for universities. Perhaps you can turn up such a {part} at a university which will be desirable also for graduate work.

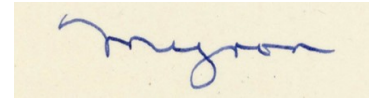
PB is in New York. He was {wishing} for me to forward his mail address to you. {It} is:

PO Box 34

Sub station D.

NY 3 NY.

With Best wishes,



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Letter from Myron to Jim

New York¹⁴

1-5-45

Dear Jim,

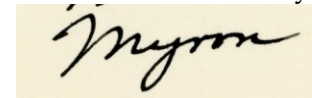
I very much enjoyed your cheering letter. Its format was almost as impressive as its content. You will find the results of a club pen in this letter very like those from the {storied} past office variety.

Yes California, particularly California hill, climate has a magic all its own. Paul once told me that the coast strip from San Francisco to the top of lower California was the oldest land of the continent. From this and other {illegible} there is a specific and definite spiritual emanation in that region which has significant {values}. It is, in short, no accident that Southern California has become the cradle of a new and vastly different American Culture which will one day¹⁵ provide worldwide inspiration. We who are privileged to participate in the pioneering do not know (as pioneers usually do not sense) how important is our work.

I have missed out hilltop {unstatably} and I had no intimation that events would keep me here so long. But one learns that events unroll a step at a time so one is not surprised to find some unanticipated developments. And, as usual, in retrospect it is apparent that Fate (Or God for these are synonymous equivalent terms) disposes much more adequately than we can plan.

Please convey my best wishes to Pauline. I hope you are both happy and that you both contemplate the future without fear of any kind. I believe your long Quest has reached a new stage as you may observe from forthcoming events.

Affectionately



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¹⁴ Address appears in the letterhead.

¹⁵ Page 47

Letter from PB to Jim and Pat
2103 Third Street (Apt C) Santa Monica¹⁶
10 Nov 54

Dear Jim and Pat

To clear up the uncertainty the situation is that I leave for Hawaii end this month and return in February -- probably middle but might be beginning or even end month -- to California. At the present time I do not know whether my return journey will be direct to San Francisco or to Los Angeles. If to the former of course we meet then. If to the latter, I am contemplating leaving L.A. after collecting things during a week's stay and going to San Francisco and Vancouver B.C. But it is too early and often useless for me to make plans so far ahead, as only when the time nears do I myself really know what is really practicable.

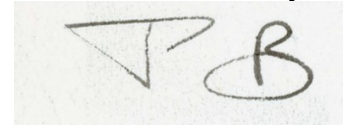
I am sorry I can't do better but I can promise this: That when the time for my return to California is near I shall inform you of the plan of return. Then, if for any reason it became impossible for me to visit San Francisco, you would be told and could see me in Los Angeles.

I am of course trying to save you the needless expense of coming here if I am going to S F, especially as the visit here would be necessarily so much shorter than the time I could spare in your city, since pressure of work here is so hard

I am glad at the news of school work. Go on and go ahead!

About the magazine material there is no urgency-take your time. I suggest you hold it with you until you know my plans or your plans. We are going ahead very slowly first with the technical plans -- the editorial will come later. Besides an editorial committee has yet to be formed* - I shall be only a mere member.

My peace and affection to both of you

Handwritten initials 'PB' in a simple, stylized script.

L46.051

51 - 52
Letter from PB to Jim and Pat
Box 292, Montauk, Long Island New York.¹⁷
January 31st. 1965

This will acknowledge, dear Jim and Pat....

¹⁶ "My address after end this month will be Box 34 etc. until I fix a Hawaiian one" is typed at the top of the page.

¹⁷ "Until April 1st reply to:" is handwritten above the address.

....four letters from Jim and two from Pat which all made interesting reading. Thank you for the ear stoppers too which seem effective.

I was very pleased, too, that the visit to L.A. served some useful purposes for you both. However, I feel it necessary at this stage to modify some of the counsel given you regarding citrus fruit. I thought you had taken more of it than was advisable and the only way to redress the balance was to abstain completely for a time. The cleansing period is now over so that you may return to a moderate use of them provided the following safe-guards are observed. (a) eat no more than a small quantity of oranges (b) use lemon and lime juice only in small quantities (c) use neither fruit unless it is fully ripened.

As regards the vegetable water fast, you can alternate this, should you wish to fast again next spring or summer, with a lemon-honey fast. For this purpose use distilled water. Use 1/2 teaspoon of lemon juice and one teaspoonful of honey to half-pint tumbler of distilled water, which should be heated until it is warm, but not hot. However, lemon acid being so destructive to the teeth its effect should be counteracted by using an alkaline toothpaste immediately after drinking it.

The name Everett Gregory has a pleasing sound except that it seems to have too many "r's" in it. It would seem better to keep the surname, Gregory, which is excellent, but to find a different first name which has no "r" in it.

About preparing the loose manuscript for shipment, the usual method is to punch all the pages and insert them in a thick manila loose-leaf binder of the type which costs about 20¢. If there are too many pages for one binder you may use the two binders and divide the book into two halves. There would then be no need for stapling. Next, whatever pen name is used your real name and mail address should appear at the bottom of¹⁸ the title page, with a notation "To Be Returned To The Author." Next, as regards a publisher, since the University Publications have failed to respond favourably, there are two suggestions. The first is the Philosophical Library, 15 East 40th. St. New York City, who are not publishing my friend, Prof. Wood's books, and second Henry Regnery of Chicago whose street address you will have to get from a telephone directory at the San Francisco chief exchange. I have enclosed a cutting concerning him. There is no advantage in sending me a copy of the manuscript yet. I am living in almost complete solitude on the eastern most tip of Long Island, trying to complete my book and also a cycle of meditation so that I have not visited New York City for a long time. But of course, if something favorable turns up to make it worth while I will send for a copy. You may inform both publishers that I have agreed to write an introduction if the work is accepted.

There has been some renewed activity with regard to the proposed magazine. The chances of its publication are favorable but since they will necessitate a journey by me to England, it may be delayed for another year.

I am sending you some of the mail for translation. Knowing how busy you are with your own work, please do not give this too much time of be too conscientious and

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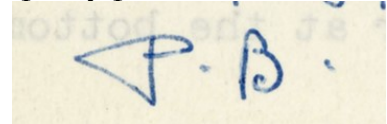
scrupulous in the work, and do not hesitate to summarize or condense at your own judgement.

In 1952 there existed in San Francisco an "INSTITUTE OF INTEGRATION" at 201 Clayton Street. It is unlikely to be there still, but would you please inquire and find out whether a little booklet which was published by the Institute entitle "E-Therapy" author-, A.L. Kitselman, can be bought somewhere. If available, would you please procure a copy for me. Please do not mention my name in this matter.

Thank you for offering your copy of "Wisdom" magazine. I have not seen it, nor have I ever seen "Faith Today." I would certainly like to see both magazines.

I want to reassure you as regards both the magazine articles and the book manuscript that however long it may be before they are printed, this desirable result will surely materialize. Our time will come but we must wait for it.

Accept my peace and affection



L46.053

53 - 54

Letter from PB to Jim

Box 339, Times Square Station, N.Y. 36. N.Y.¹⁹

July. 1956

What is the decision of Regnery, dear Jim...

It may be advisable to make some changes in the arrangement in the script so as to make it more attractive commercially. The most likely one would be to move the present opening chapter further on into the body of the text and to replace it by a shorter prefatory one that would start from the average readers present standpoint. The publishers have to spend so much to produce and push a book by an unknown author that some concession has to be made to their commercial standpoint.

The offer made you by the Philosophic Library cannot be properly appraised without knowing exactly how much money they require to subsidise the book. The estimate of \$2,000 which you made may or may not be correct. If correct, it is of course not to be considered, but it might have been useful before rejection to have inquired from them what figure they had in mind. Moreover, it will be needful also to inquire whether this subsidy will be in exchange for the 600 copies delivered to you or whether they had something else in view.

The entire manuscript has been gone through by a friend who does not know you but who has usefulness as representing the reader's standpoint. A number of suggestions and comments of a detailed character have accordingly resulted which I

¹⁹ "New permanent mail address" is typed under address.

pass on to you merely for what they are worth. I do not necessarily agree with all of them but you may find some useful, while the rest can be ignored.

The next suitable publisher to be approached would be Pantheon Books Inc. of 333 Sixth Ave. N.Y. 14 I have left the manuscript with a quester who has undertaken to either deliver it to a publisher or to return it to you, according to the instructions he receives from you. His address is: Jerry Fischer -- 6813 21st. Street, Brooklyn 4, N.Y.

However, it is necessary for you to review the situation now and to consider what can be done to give the script a better chance of seeming more saleable to the publishers. It is not pleasant to have to suggest this, but there does not seem any alternative for the present.

I am leaving for Europe and may be away there until the end of 1956. This is why I am handing the script over since I shall be traveling most of the time.

When I reach London in Sept. I shall mention your manuscript to my publishers there and see if I can arouse any interest although I know they are committed quite far ahead, and so are not eager to take on any additional titles by unknown writers.

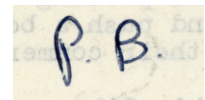
"Wisdom" magazine lacks mysticism and therefore does not hold more than general interest. "Faith Today" is on the religious level but is still too far away from the philosophic standpoint to be of any use to us.

As regards your own personal situation, I am wondering if you get enough physical exercise of a few minutes every day. There are of an absolute necessity to counter balance your sedentary work and to keep you from falling into moods of depression. Deep breathing of pure air should accompany these exercises.

There²⁰ is a person in Italy for whom I have been asked to get a couple of addresses of scholastic bureaus in New York to whom he could write with a view to seek an appointment in a school or a small college. He is a professor, teacher, and doctor in various subjects which I do not at the moment know. Do you remember any of the addresses of the agencies which I could send him?

Regarding the sense of pressure in your head try the Hatha Yoga position of standing on your head for not more than 1 minute at a time for the first few months. This could be done twice a day. You may also apply alternate hot and cold compresses to the back of the neck twice daily.

May Peace Be With You and Pat!

A small, rectangular piece of paper with the handwritten initials "P.B." in blue ink. The paper is slightly aged and has some faint, illegible text visible in the background.

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Letter from PB to James Covell

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c/o Grindlays Ltd. 54 Parliament Street, London, S.W.1. England²¹
Nov 2. 56

Please send book manuscript at once, irrespective if you have finished any polishing or changing you may be doing on it, for submission to first one, then another publisher, if needed

Address it to: Rider & Co publishers
178/202 Great Portland Street
London, W.1.
England.

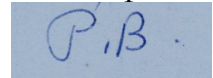
Send it by ordinary cheapest mail, marking cover "By Fast Steamer to England"
Enclose no letter, at this stage, as I have spoken to the Manager, and he will be expecting it.

I will handle the manuscript at this end so long as I remain in England (until the end of this month) and arrange its further handling when I leave for the continent where I spend the winter. (Germany etc)

The Comet and Vantage Press, about whom you ask, should be ignored. Ignore also all publishers who advertise seeking authors. They want you to pay the printing cost and have inadequate trade connection.

Note that submission to European publishers need not stop you continuing to submit to American ones.

With peace,



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57 - 58

Letter from PB to James Covell
Box 339, Times Square Station, New York 36²²
Nov 17 56

Unable deal with essays while travelling abroad keep them until my return USA
March-April

PB

What title and pen name appears on book manuscript sent to Rider and Co?

²¹ "Permanent European address:" is typed above the address.

²² "or c/o Grindlays Ltd 54 Parliament St London St London SW1 Eng" is typed below the address.

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59 - 60

News clipping from PB to Jim with note by Jim²³

May 59²⁴

PB sent this notice of a job opportunity in Rio even though he had visited us for dinner in early 1985 in our 9th Avenue apartment for the express purpose of informing us that "we did not have to go" to SA. My illness ended our 3-months stay in Guayaquil, which plainly showed in the physical and our financial breakdown how unwise and costly it was to ignore his reasonable guidance by giving in to emotionally based misapprehensions and listening to advice from those much less qualified to know the right course of action.

The²⁵ British School,

Rio De Janeiro

(an independent mixed day school under British Board of Governors) required FOR SEPTEMBER 1959:

ASSISTANT MASTER to teach English and Latin with subsidiary French and History in classes aged 10 to 13. Help with games (Football, Cricket, Athletics), essential. Honours Graduate or good preparatory school experience required.

Candidates should be between 25 to 40 and preferably single. Salary Cr\$25 - 30,000,00 (according to qualifications.)

NOTE: Two to three great contract offered; salary adjusted to Cost of Living qualifications; free of Brazilian income tax; Fares paid to Rio and return on completion of service. Applications in the first instance to BRITISH COUNCIL, Agraciada 1464, P.I. Montevideo, Uruguay.²⁶

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61 - 62

Copy from PB letter to Romaine

about 6/20/59

Incidentally, there seems to be some misunderstanding about this question of possible emigration. You say that she and you are waiting for me definitely to state where you should go. Such a statement could never be issued by me in anyone's case, since I do not know where anyone should go, other than the general recommendation to avoid the northern hemisphere and possibly such areas in the southern hemisphere

²³ Author of the note determined by context.

²⁴ Date is handwritten on news clipping.

²⁵ The rest of this letter is a news clip that has been glued to the page.

²⁶ "send to Jim from PB" is handwritten on the bottom of the news clip by PB.

as South Africa, where racial trouble is generally feared. There is no one are of which it can be definitely stated that it is a safe area in all respects. However, areas like South America, which are neutral so far, will presumably be free from bombing and much freer from fallout. Beyond that, it is not possible to point to any particular country in SA, since each has advantages and disadvantages. Of course, countries with bad historical records, such as Bolivia, Columbia, and Paraguay, have been ruled out from the start. I understand from my reading of scientific literature that there is somewhat less fallout at the equatorial zone than there is in higher latitudes. However, other factors also have to be taken into consideration, according to the circumstances, needs, and preferences of each person. This is just what has already happened. Thus Fred Waegner has settled in Ecuador, Bernard Masson in Brazil, and Jacques Masson in Uruguay. Each likes the country of his choice, but another person who has lived for eight years in SA dislikes it so much that he will only consider other southern hemisphere territories.

There is no question here of any organization, group, or colony, since that idea seems to have completely broken down and those who go or are going do so as individuals, to suit themselves. I myself, as you know, have never had any plan to create an ashram, center, or colony. The decision to go abroad, to emigrate, when and where, will have to be made by each person on his or her own responsibility. This is a very difficult and dreadful decision to make. It's not surprising, therefore, that the number of those who still intend to emigrate has dwindled down to so few that they can be counted on both hands. If I had been given inner guidance or authority to lead others to a promised land, like Moses, be sure I would not have shirked the task. But I have received no such inspiration.²⁷

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63 - 64

Letter from Kenneth to Pat and Jim with extracts from PB's letter to KH and
Ellma F

January 26, 1960 and Feb 6, 1960

Extracts from PB's letter to KH - dated January 26, 1960

"The peacework has been very successful, the response excellent, and war danger in the West has receded -- at any rate, out of 1960. The menace now is in the Asia-Pacific area, through China. However it will take at least two years before the latter dare risk a showdown. And during that period efforts to avert it are being made."

"If I tell you the inside story of what happened last two months before I left USA, and since, you will realize that there is an implacable determination to avert war on the part of the chief leaders. The most fantastic things are happening, proving the points I

²⁷ "copy from PB letter to Romaine" is handwritten at the bottom of the page.

have made. I see no likelihood of war this year, both the inner and outer situation is against it."

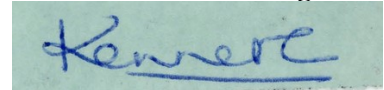
to (Elma F Feb 6, 1960)

"Please note that I am no longer able to get involved in questers' and readers' personal lives, affairs or spiritual problems. I must not be diverted from time and energy requiring aims that affect millions of others. Therefore hold out no hope that I shall write to any or even that you can get in touch with me soon.... This will be the situation for most of the coming year.... I hope when present emergency is over to be better able to deal with such matters."

Dear Pat and Jim-

In view of above I am postponing my move to Quito for some months - as I can still be of service from my position here in NYC.

Regards,



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65 - 66

Incomplete letter from Diana Masson to Pat

Uruguay²⁸

May 22, 1960

...²⁹ with the people in Buenos Aires more than our comfortable life in the States. So here we stayed. And just yesterday, all my furniture and possessions (ugh) have arrived into my apartment. It was a struggle and expense not worth it, but already too late. Sometimes we felt unequal to the struggle here and wanted to give up -- but I must say our misery is not comparable to yours, though each suffers in his own way.

Jack has just left New York for Europe and will be gone about another month, which is just the time I need here to get some semblance of order into all this chaos. You can't imagine what it is trying to get things accomplished efficiently where there is none. Manana she's good enough for me. Maybe they're right sometimes, who knows, but never the twain shall meet. There is an ocean between us alright.

Still we're adjusting gradually. I am in the midst of Spanish lessons and verbs, ugh -- much harder for me than French was, I don't know why. Maybe I enjoyed French much more and learned it quickly as a pleasure.

Pat, I know that you could always get work here as a secretary, at least I could look into that, but as for Jim, I don't know. But if things get too impossible you can always think about the Eastward trek, if you don't make it Northward first! But the

²⁸ Address appears in the letterhead.

²⁹ "2" is handwritten at the top of the page; previous page is missing.

world news now is certainly not encouraging. But geography is not the answer for all these problems -- rather the sword of discrimination to distinguish between the Real and the unreal, and therein lies the work. Distinguish between the Real and the unreal and come to rest in our True Nature. How beautiful a promise and how lucky we are to know the Goal.

Jeff is off in Buenos Aires this week-end taking his trail entrance examinations for either Yale, Princeton or Stanford, whichever would accept him. You know how competitive it is now. Entrance would not be before September, 1961, at which time he might go as a transfer student with his work here at the university counting. He is very much loved by his professors here who think he has great talents and possibilities, especially in philosophy and English literature. He is rather brilliant and a nice boy to boot, well balanced, and most important of all, has a very deep spiritual understanding. Even PB was most pleased and amazed at his growth in some letters they have exchanged lately. You know of course that he is in Australia, and well, but for how long, does not say. He says that he has withdrawn from all involvements with personal advice requests, and rightly so. I do believe since his suggestion for Plan Survival, he was being deluged with all sorts of personal problems, which should never reach him at all. His suggestion whether we took it or not, was our affair, and he after all to us was the embodiment of Truth, and our link with that. To him, only our spiritual problems, no? He also said, if the summit meetings fail, however, optimism about peace would have a very weak basis. He also writes to Jeff and I quote,

“Vedanta is a Short Path approach to truth, and as such leads to a greater joy and peace than the Long Path (Yoga) can give. However for those who still live and work in the world it must be accompanied by the philosophic virtue of Balance as this is very important because you have to work out the realization in Yourself by your own understanding of the ego through which you are being active in the world, as well as of it's Source.

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67 - 68

Reprint of letter from Paul Brunton to Mr. Waegner

Undated³⁰

We have secured permission from Dr Paul Brunton, Ph.D., the famous author of those celebrated books: SEARCH IN SECRET INDIA, DISCOVER YOURSELF, HERMIT IN THE HIMALAYAS, etc., to print part of a private letter which he sent us recently:

“Dear Mr Waegner:

³⁰ “(1961?)” is handwritten at the top of the page.

"I have been purchasing your food products ever since I returned to the United States from the Orient two and a half years ago. I consider them a most desirable contribution to the vegetarian larder. I have especially enjoyed the SUNFLOWER SOUP, and the SUNFLOWER FRUIT CAKE. As one who has always been fond of drinking soup every day, I find the SUNFLOWER SOUP extremely nourishing, most palatable and very easy to prepare. You may regard me as a customer for life.

"Peace be with you!
"DR PAUL BRUNTON."

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69 - 72

Letter from Kenneth to Pat and Jim-
8 December 1974

Dear Pat and Jim-

Please forgive my delay in writing. Since my return five weeks ago I've been swamped with business matters, and am only now caught up.

First, PB is well and sends you both his kindest remembrances. We discussed "Operation Jupiter" in a sunny garden in Malaga. PB is grateful to you both for your generous offers of help. And he is in general agreement with our proposed plans. The operation, you recall, fell into three parts:

1. This, of course, is the most immediate, and in due course would lead naturally into the second part.

PB would, as a first step, appreciate your writing him and confirming your offer as follows: that Jim would undertake the editorial part, taking PB's rough notes and putting them into correct grammatical form, syntax, etc. Then Pat would type them; and you'd then send them to PB. He would then, in due course, arrange these by subject, and {wield} them together into connected prose form.

You are both familiar with PB's method of creative writing, jotting down thoughts and inspirations on scraps of paper. These represent the raw undistilled material, yet to be refined and polished.

Following³¹ this current batch of rough notes - a job which {if} I understood PB correctly - could take three years, then following its satisfactory conclusion a further assignment could be for Jim to take PB's early "immature" (his phrase!) writings and update and improve in light of Jim's knowledge of the Quest.

2. The above would overlap with or lead into the Plan #2 we discussed Labor Day - to work together on deciding what should be published and then putting it into shape for {same}.

3. The Plan #3 we discussed Labor Day - PB and I did not resolve fully. It gets into the technical arena of copyright, etc. (Riders' contracts call for option on the next

³¹ Page 70

book.) But I have a feeling it would unfold when the time comes. But this is less important than seeing that the right material is made available to the world - through whichever channels are most appropriate at the time.

Now I realize Jim is due to retire 1 December 1976 and your plans were to retire to California. And you kindly offered to remain in the East, for closer proximity, on these assignments. There is time to think about this, but personally I feel Pat's health should take priority - and if California is more suitable, then there seems no need for these projects to interfere with your³² move back to California. After all an annual trip by KTH to Calif. could be arranged almost as easily as an annual trip to Providence! And this would not really be necessary until we got involved in Plan #2. I had envisaged Plan #2 as a retirement project, originally and hopefully in about five years' time. But the economy now may necessitate my postponing retirement until I can afford to! And I've {reviewed} down possible relocation sites to two: Spain and {Arizona} (for their day sunny climates.) And the latter seems to be emerging as a stronger contender all the time.

So, in that event, Arizona and California are quite close! Anyway we can discuss this more fully on the next visit to Rhode Island.

The immediate requirement is Plan #1, and for you to write PB of your willingness to undertake this assignment. (He is concerned about drawing unduly on Pat's strength.) I forget if you have his Swiss address? Confidentially it is, and please write to him at, Bloc A, Appt. 11, Chemin De Ballallaz 14, CH 1820 Montreux, Switzerland.

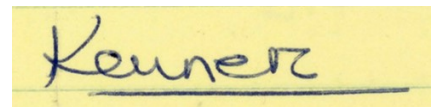
He will then write you with detailed instructions.

Well,³³ things are unfolding! And I am sure they will continue to do so. And the opportunities for service will develop.

Please feel free to call me at any time collect: my home number is (914) 358-6692.

I was unable to obtain the Molinos book in London. They say it is out of print. I have therefore asked Donald Weiser to obtain a copy if he comes across one.

Well, dear friends, as another year rushes to a close, I send affectionate and fraternal greetings.

A handwritten signature in dark ink on a yellow rectangular background. The signature appears to be 'Kenneth' written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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73 - 74

Letter from PB³⁴ to Jim
Montreux

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³⁴ Handwritten by Kenneth.

28 October, 1972

My dear Jim!

Thank you for your patience in waiting so long for an answer to your letter. Charles Mirra came here and we discussed the problems you refer to, at great length - as well as other matters.

Pat has been very brave while going through these ordeals of ill health. While I am not a Medical man you might want to look into the advantages of natural folic acid in liquid form made from leaves, versus the chemical B12 tablets. In any case, she should invoke the white light of the Divine Life Force everyday, and look to it with faith {for} its healing attributes.

I quite agree with your departure from the kind of teaching work which made you so unhappy. There is some misunderstanding in your belief I ever recommended you to undertake professional translation work. Your present position in the printing field has given you a completely new area of experience in congenial surroundings. This is beneficial to your health, temperament and character. I am very pleased at this result.

I have read the poems by David Gregory. They reflect the philosophy of Truth excellently and accurately, and the reading of them gave me much pleasure to note how³⁵ well you have grasped the Teaching. Unfortunately although in today's commercial publishing world there is little likelihood of their being regarded as financially salable, nevertheless you yourself benefit by composing them and in time others too will find them most helpful in their awakening and development.

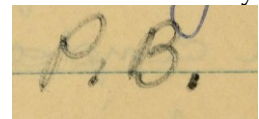
You could however consider submitting individual poems separately to appropriate journals or magazines who publish poetry of this higher order (either with or without payment.) No doubt the Providence library reference section would have a listing of such media.

I approve of your cautious attitude to {B.S.}

Please give Pat my peace and affection.

Please remember what is perhaps not clear enough in the books - the work of balancing your Quest with the Short Path.

Affectionately



Short Path³⁶

1. Eschew all symbols
2. Guard against reactions

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³⁶ The remainder of this letter is written in a different hand.

3. Imitate the sage
4. Identify with the Overself

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75 - 78

Letter from PB to Jim

Chemin De Ballallaz, 14, Bloc A, Appt. 11, Ch. 1820 Montreux, Switzerland

18 March 1975

I have received your letter of November 17th, dear Jim.

There is no fixed point that I don't intend visiting the U.S. again; but I have no plans for traveling outside Switzerland this year, at least. I am too unsettled, even now, and know only that I would like to move from Montreux; but I'm too busy to do anything about it yet.

You are always open to come if you want to; you'd be welcome, but it's not essential - the inner link is there. If you wish to come, I certainly agree, but how would Patricia manage?

It was thirty years ago that we met first, and I must congratulate you for having stuck to the quest through all the tremendous vicissitudes and difficulties that you and Patricia have undergone.

I'm sorry all my letters have to be so brief now; otherwise it's impossible to write at all.

I³⁷ have also received your letter January 19th, 1975, and the book Beauty Unknown. The book is beautifully produced, but it's not on the level of mysticism or philosophy. It is all right for people just coming up from orthodoxy or materialism, though.

In the lengthy index which you have been preparing, could you please look up the following references and let me know in which books they appear, with perhaps a single reference to each book, with the chapter title and roughly the position in the chapter, as I have only the paperbacks for reference just now - unless, of course, you happen to have the proper paperbacks. The first reference probably belongs to the Wisdom of the Overself; is to the need of the aspirant to achieve a balanced flight on the two wings of wisdom and compassion. The second reference, which probably occurs in the Hidden Teaching Beyond Yoga, mentions that Service is one of the chief³⁸ qualities denoting an adept.

I received news last week, indirectly that Kenneth had a heart attack and that he is in the hospital pending investigation into the actual condition in which it has left him. I do not believe he is in a condition to write letters, but all the same, he is able, probably,

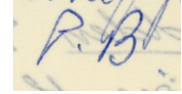
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³⁸ Page 78

to read them. So if you and Patricia wish to send him a sympathetic note, it might be helpful. I still await further news which is expected shortly.

The activity about which Kenneth talked to you, I believe, or else wrote to you, around the beginning of autumn, has not been able to receive my attention so far, but I'm gradually getting organized in the office and will communicate further about it later, in writing, or if we meet.

With Peace and Affection to both of you



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79 - 80

Letter from PB³⁹ to Pat and Jim
c/o Grindlay's, Ltd. 13 St. James' Square, London, S.W.1
March 14, 1978

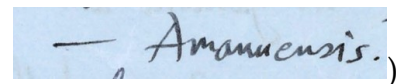
Your letter and enclosures of January 24 came in today, and were very interesting indeed, dear Pat and Jim,

I am particularly pleased to learn that you have access to the art galleries and to the classical music stations. That is very good for both of you, as also the twice-weekly walk through the woods. As you see, repeating the meditational exercises which you formerly practised is now becoming much more productive, for you have a better understanding now of what to expect, and have got rid of the fears connected with meditational experiences. The same attitude and result, though in a more personal way, is happening to Pat; but it requires hopeful patience.

Concerning the typewritten articles: they make interesting reading, but I do not want my name put into either of them, if you can please amend them by removing it. The basic ideas can remain, but the name of⁴⁰ PB should not be mentioned, and therefore not his books either.

I am staying in Southern France just now, but will probably move to some town in Switzerland in a couple of months' time; so my permanent address is the London forwarding one above.

(PB dictated this letter, but forgot to sign it. Sorry.



Reply:⁴¹ All names and titles removed everywhere. 1 May 78 - Request for La Sagesse du Supreme Mai

³⁹ Dictated to Amanuensis.

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⁴¹ This paragraph is written in a different hand.

Jim⁴² do not refer to coming catastrophes or war as forgone fact, but only as possibility or menace
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81 - 82

Letter from PB to Jim
Chemin de Ballalaz 14, CH 1820 Montreux, Switzerland
20 March 75

I am sorry, Jim,

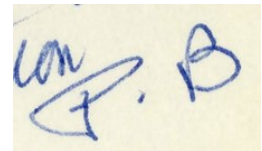
in the letter posted to you yesterday not to have replied more fully to your letter of 11 Dec 74, But I feel hesitant about imposing work on you of that kind, needing typing by Patricia whose health ought not to bear this extra strain.

What do you think if I sent you the rough notes for revision, if and where necessary, and then got them back from you to get typed in England?

Incidentally with reference to the Index you are compiling, all my books are undergoing a correction of the enormous number of printed errors, occurring in the paperback edition published since 1970 by Weiser-Rider, and also a series of Author's Changes in the text, I have completed four books but do not know how far Rider's will agree to accept all the changes. I am trying to maintain the old page numbering. I am not revisiting the books, although some of them need it, nor making even a full revision, but making only a revision of the absolute minimum changes I feel necessary, because it is quite difficult to get the publishers in England to agree. I am not using the hardback cover edition pagination, since most are not being reprinted.

Thank you for your kind offer of service. I have no news of Kenneth's health condition but expect it soon.

With Peace and affection

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'P.B.' with a stylized flourish.

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83 - 84

Letter from PB to Patricia and Jim...
October 15, 1978

I am delighted, dear Patricia and Jim...

⁴² This paragraph is handwritten by PB.

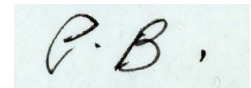
to learn of the legacy --- as a sign of something positive happening amongst the difficulties.

You ask me to suggest what bequests could be made to a charity? My consideration of this event makes me feel that the most suitable form of charity in your particular case should "begin at home." I know you may be in no immediate need, but as one grows older various needs tend to become demanding. I am not referring merely to serious needs, but also to "creature comforts." Why should you not treat yourselves to a few of these and make life a little better for both of you? There is nothing ethically wrong in using this money for such purpose. Indeed, that is exactly what your aunt intended and wanted you to do. So you should respect her wishes in this regard. Remember that service to others must be balanced: It must not eliminate the service of yourselves also.

In addition, I recall that Kenneth helped you financially at the time of your move to California. Now that this bequest enables you to do so, would it not be appropriate to refund his generosity?

I hear from time to time of those who continue with the spiritual Quest, with varying results. Some quite brilliant, but most quite modest. But whatever they be, this Quest has become a necessity to most of us,

With Peace

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "P.B.", on a light blue rectangular background.

1980 The night of 7-8 June: Pat received a dream-letter from PB saying he had 23,000 people to watch over and 1,700 close students, therefore he was unable to write any more.

He addressed her as: "Patricia Covell"

Add the above to the last letter withdrawing his name from DG's MS. as well as his books. Note withdrawal of the Sage: Inner Reality, pp. 32 and 221.

Kenneth also informed us earlier on that PB' had moved again without giving us any address.

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1802 Gorseaux
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Switzerland

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Letter from Paul Cash to James Covell,
June 28, 1981

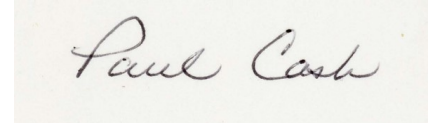
Dear James Covell,

PB has difficulty in attending to correspondence because of physical problems of using his hand and memory and mental problems of spelling. I am temporarily attending to his correspondence.

Generally he is accepting no visitors and giving no interviews. The few exceptions are special.

You come under an exception. In the second half of October is the most convenient for a visit by you. At present it must be indeterminate as regards the length of time.

How does this or later suit your convenience?

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Cash". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid.

P.S. Please address your reply directly to PB at the address on the back of the accompanying envelope.

Prodigal⁴³ son: Luke 15-19 I am no more worthy to be called thy son; make me as one of thy hired servants.

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87 - 88

Letter from Paul Cash to Jim Covell
July 19, 1981

Dear Jim Covell,

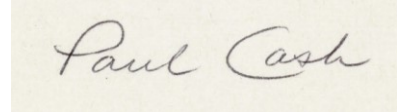
PB has asked me to write you and ask you for an update on your availability in the not-too-distant future. Is fall, winter, or spring best for you? And what are your thoughts about the duration of your visit? If you could be as specific as possible, it would make it easier for PB to make the appropriate arrangements.

You can reply to PB directly at:

Paul Brunton
Apt. 22
Avenue des Alpes 107
CH 1814
La Tour de Peilz
Switzerland

In service,

⁴³ The rest of this letter is written in a different hand.



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Letter from Kenneth to Jim
August 3,⁴⁵ 1981

Dear Friend; Jim,

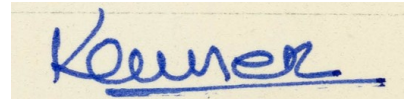
I deeply regret to inform you that PB passed over on July 27, 1981.

He was hospitalized with a massive cerebral haemorrhage the previous Saturday evening. Although technically in a coma and unable to move, his full consciousness came through once on that Sunday afternoon, and then for the final twenty minutes as he made his transition. The message was clear: "We shall meet again!" And I'm sure this applies to all who loved him.

The end was peaceful as his breathing gently ceased. Was it an illusion that he seemed to be smiling as to say "Cheer up, don't take it so seriously!"

Even the nurse said "He must have been a very good man, he has such a kind face."

The outer PB has gone, but the inner PB lives on in the hearts of all who love him.



Kenneth Thurston Hurst

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91 - 92

Letter from PB to Jim
(c/o Allen's Service) 545 Fifth Avenue, New York 17, U.S.A.
November 11, 1950

Dear Jim:

I have just lately returned from Europe and am staying in a village outside New York.

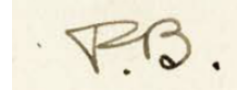
⁴⁴ This line is written in a different hand.

⁴⁵ "10" is handwritten under 3.

Thank you for the repayment of the loan, although I hope it was perfectly convenient as I would have been quite willing to wait an indefinite period.

I would be happy to see you and hope you will have a meal with me. Will you therefore give me a phone number and your working address where I can reach you both at work and at your place of residence.

With peace and affection



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93 - 94

Letter from Jim Covell to Doris
202, Riverside Drive Apt 6B, New York 25
January 23, 1951

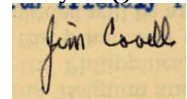
Dear Doris:

This letter is written on behalf of PB He has moved in town from the country and is now at the Hotel Esplanade, 305 West End Avenue where he will be for two months. The telephone number is Trafalgar 4-5000 Extension 8-K.

If you can get to the city, he would be glad to see you.

I have just finished a year with the French Line and go back to teaching French at the Storm King School, Cornwall-on-Hudson. For the next two weeks my address is the above and the telephone number is Riverside 9-9826. My number at the office is Plaza 7-2500 Extension 103. I would be pleased to see you again.

With friendly regard,



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95 - 96

Letter from PB to Pat and Jim
Hotel Cameron 41 West 86th Street New York 24, N.Y.⁴⁶
April 20, 1953

This is to notify you Pat and Jim,

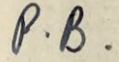
of my return to the states and to confirm your present address. If the address is not the one given on this envelope will you please correct it. You can reach me at the

⁴⁶ Address appears in the letterhead. "Apt. £1411" is typed at the top of the page.

above address until June 15th, after which, it will be safer to revert to the old Box 34, Cooper Station address.

I⁴⁷ expect to remain on the East coast sometime before proceeding to the West.

Peace Be With You



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97 - 98

Letter from PB to Jim
Box 34 Cooper Station, New York 3, N.Y.
September 10, 1953

I have quite a few letters, Jim...

of yours and Pat to answer! Namely, April 24, June 7, July 22 and August 30. They were all read with interest and appreciation.

The employment situation will probably work itself out to best advantage in due course. Karma is very active in these matters, and we can learn much from whatever environment we find ourselves in. Your attitude toward the job is more important than the job itself!

I enjoyed Pat's letters, too. I am glad your marriage is proving itself harmonious to both of you.

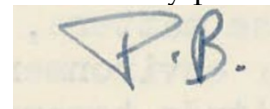
Jim, would you mind doing some translating into French for me? The enclosed form paras will be used as an adjunct in tackling correspondence. Please return the original English copy with the translation, which can be typed on stiff white paper.

The⁴⁸ enclosed French letters can be translated on this paper, single spaced. Thank you for your help, Jim.

We are living in retreat in the Connecticut countryside; it is peaceful and tranquil here. My time is devoted to meditation and writing; and I am also attempting to catch up with the enormous arrears of correspondence that continually plague me!

You are both remembered in my thoughts.

With my peace



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Letter from PB to Pat and Jim
New York 3, N.Y.
March 21, 1954

This will acknowledge, dear Pat and Jim...

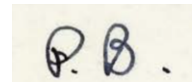
your letters of October 11th, Sept. 9th, Xmas. Card and Pat's letter of Feb. 19th which were most appreciated. I was interested in the news about your teaching position and the description of the apartment.

It is also good you started tensing exercises as that should be beneficial. Those I've alluded to in "The Spiritual Crisis" about which you inquire are standard Hatha Yoga exercises. I will enclose a couple with this letter for your use. The benefit is not only to health but also to vitality. Furthermore there is an indirect effect on the nervous system as well as to calm the nervous system. Also there is a strengthening of the will as a result of doing these exercises.

I do not know the magazine, "Faith Today" and will be interested to see if they publish your essay.

As for ourselves, we left Connecticut and are in New York City where we are living in a one room apartment.

While I thank you for the translations you made into French of the form paragraphs, I've now completely revised the English and made so many changes it is a new set. I'm therefore sending you the revision along with the French of the old version, which might be useful. Will you please do this and send it to me as soon as possible, returning the English with the French? The numbers were altered in most of the paragraphs.



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I leave for the West Coast in summer, spending that and the winter there, starting with LA and coming North later.

Thank you for the invitation to use your apartment. I shall have to leave that matter until time actually materialises my visit to S.F.

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101 - 102
Letter from PB to Jim
Hotel Holley, Washington Square West, New York II, N.Y.⁴⁹

⁴⁹ Address appears in the letterhead.

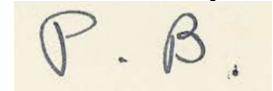
April 6, 1954

Kindly read the enclosed, Jim...

Please make a summary translation of it, since it is too verbose to be worth a full translation. Half the length would suffice. The only exception would be the four questions appearing on Page 6, which require a full translation.

This will acknowledge receipt of the French translations and thank you for them. The letter which came with them has found its way into my numerous papers awaiting examination, so I will deal with it at another time.

Peace be with you!



L46.103

103 - 104

Letter from PB to Jim and Pat
2103 Third Street, Santa Monica Calif.
November 4, 1954

Dear Jim and Pat,

I am not here in southern California at the above address until the end of the month.

It is doubtful whether I will be able to visit San Francisco when I return early next year.

How are you getting on?

Peace and affection



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105 - 106

Letter from PB to Jim and Pat
2103 Third Street, Santa Monica, California⁵⁰
November 22, 1954

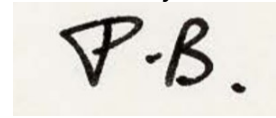
Dear Jim and Pat,

It is evidently just a little too soon for us to meet again, but it is necessary for this meeting to take place in the near future.

⁵⁰ "(Until Nov. 30th)" is typed next to the address.

Therefore I shall write you again in a couple of months' or 3 at most time as soon as I know my next plans concerning the return to California where I expect to land end Feb and so as to give you an arrangement for either Los Angeles or San Francisco.

With my Peace,



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107 - 108

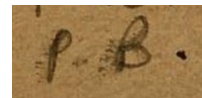
Letter from PB

1306 Veteran Avenue, Westwood, Los Angeles 24⁵¹

July 1955

Can see you this month or August. Date can be arranged to suit your convenience if you say which is best for you.

Peace and affection



L46.109

109 - 110

Incomplete letter to PB

Dec. 30th 1955

Dear PB,

Now that the typing errors have for the most part been corrected and the metaphysical passages retouched with adjective coloring, I am about to start the consecutive numbering of the pages of my first book manuscript. It falls somewhat short of the estimated length I quoted to you in Los Angeles. By more careful count, it comes to about 75,000 words, which brings it to almost 200 printed pages in book form.

The missing surname was supplied during a later meditation: Gregory. Everett Gregory has a euphonious lilt and cadenced balance in its numerically equal, similar sounding syllables. Flushed with the happy thought that the drawn-out period of composition was over, I was all for getting on with the final page numbering -- Gregory-I, etc. -- when Pat suggested writing you now. As that seems like a good idea, I also have had time to realize that you might think of a well-advised reason for not using this name which appeals so much to me. So before writing it down about 250 times, I am submitting it to you.

⁵¹ "now staying at" is typed before the address.

As this is my first attempt to contact a book publisher, I would also like to know what you could tell me about preparing the loose sheet manuscript for shipment. Should sections of chapters be stapled or clipped together? Should the pages all be punched and inserted in a suitable notebook binder of the 3-hole variety? These and possibly other questions I may not know about occur to me and I would appreciate any help you might have to offer with them.

I have here an original and two copies and am wondering whether you would like to have me send you the original and one copy, send you one copy and the original to a publisher or just send the original, either to you or a publisher. As you are busy with your own work, there is no urgent need for me to have your reply to all these matters. There is now quite an accumulation of written and typed notes awaiting my attention. They are to be typed into notebooks, which is something I have not gotten to since coming to San Fran to live.

Dan and we exchange Christmas cards and messages. He is thinking of our meeting some time this year. We are looking forward to his visit and I certainly hope he can come here.

Bottom:⁵² Our editor's copy of Wisdom magazine has now arrived. It is hardly likely that you haven't seen it yet, but ours is at your disposal at any time, if you would care to have it sent you.

L46.111

111 - 112
Letter from PB to Jim
Feb 13 56

Kenneth has offered to mention your book ms. Jim,

to the managing editor of McGraw-Hill. However, to avoid raising false hopes the chance of a favourable reception is thin, as they have never published anything along this line.

As I am going to be on the lookout for any opportunity to introduce your manuscript to a possible publisher here or abroad, will you please send me one of the carbon copies to keep for the time being?

A title which seems to fit with the commercial requirements of the publishers in modern-day Babylon, and which still expresses the message of your book, is offered for your consideration: JOURNEY TO THE OVERSELF

If you concur, and accept this title, I suggest you alter all the title pages on your ms.

P.B.

⁵² This paragraph is typed at the top of the page.

L46.113

113 - 114
Excerpt from a letter from PB
July-19-57

"With reference to your question about a group movement, I must reply categorically that my standpoint remains just the same as it always has been in the past. I am not in favor of identifying philosophy with any definite group or organization. This stated, I may say that in view of the approach of the date -- five years hence -- which some of us believe to be a fateful one, the necessity of making some preparation for it has caused considerable discussion among various questers and also engaged my own serious consideration. If atomic weapons are not used, then most of the USA outside the great cities should be safe enough. In the unlikely event that they are used, some individuals who wish to take no risks are considering emigration. What they do not seem to realize is that the fallout danger from atomic bomb explosions on a war time scale would spread over the whole planet and there would then be no safe area at all. Against this, it may be said that some areas would be less dangerous than other areas, even though none would be quite free from any danger at all.

"My own considerations have not been brought to a conclusion as they require further data, which it will take me at least another year to procure. You may be assured that if I have anything definite and of value to recommend to you and other questers, it will then be communicated. Until then, I can only say that any movement of grouping about which you may hear is simply a personal matter on the part of the members concerned, that I have nothing to do with it, and that I neither approve nor disapprove since, as you know, I have never previously interfered in their personal lives.

L46.115

115 - 116
Letter from PB to Pat and Jim
Box 339, Times Square Station, New York, 36, U.S.A.
February 26th. 1958

Thank you for the dinner, dear Pat and Jim...

...which I enjoyed, and for the Time and Vegetarian magazines which I received. If you need these magazines returned, please let me know.

I forgot to ask you some questions about your Osterizer, as I am contemplating eventually changing the machine which I have in New York. (1) How quickly can the change over be made to blending from juicing? (2) Can it produce more than one drinking tumbler full of juice at a single operation? or must all the pulp be removed an first and the machine re-assembled? (3) Is the pulp removal an easy or troublesome

affair. (4) How long have you used the machine, and are you perfectly satisfied with it both as blender and juicer? (5) Is it free from breakdowns or other troubles?

Thank you for the answers.

The photo for your little frame is enclosed.

All good wishes, peace and affection,



L46.117

117 - 118

Letter from PB to Pat and Jim
2371 East Live Oak Drive, Los Angeles, 28.
Apr 7 58

Thank you, dear Pat and Jim, for your letters...

Yes, I rejected Australia-New Zealand with regrets. South America offers more safety. It is the experience of several others that S.A. consuls here either do not answer mail enquiries or answer them after 2 or 3 months delay. This may explain the delay in your Argentine enquiry reply. Try also Pan-American Union, Washington, 6. DC.

Charles has explained the Centrum fiasco, (I forced the crisis) and said he may visit SF to explain his new plan or ideas, to you.

I am taking up Spanish. T is an attractive language.

I have not seen Lust's book on Raw Juice and would be glad to have it. Thanks.

With peace and affection



L46.119

119 - 120

Letter from PB to Jim and Pat
Box 339, Times Square Station, New York 36, New York
30 August 59

Dear Jim and Pat

I have informed Tony that, according to my latest understanding, if we all get through September safely, the danger period will recede until the June-October period of next year. They are postponing their emigration plans accordingly--he and his friends.

The leaders of nations are being given their chance to establish a solid basis for peace, and some of us are working in that direction. If they respond, the Grace will do the rest and war can be averted.

I have today heard from Diana telling me that I can give you their new address. It is: Casilla de Correo 233, Montevideo Uruguay. She said she will be pleased to hear from you

With peace and affection



L46.121

121 - 122

Letter from Mail Secretary to Dr Brunton
Box 339 Times Square Station, New York, N.Y. U.S.A.
1959

Dear Friend:

Dr Brunton has gone abroad. He will be travelling extensively in distant areas for an indefinite period. It is difficult to reach him with mail but an endeavour will be made from time to time. He will not ordinarily be in a position to send written replies as he has withdrawn into semi-retirement, but eventually he will read your letter and attend to it mentally anyway.

With all good thoughts,
Mail Secretary to Dr Brunton

L46.123

123 - 124

Letter from PB to Jim
c/o Grindlay & Co Postbox 49, Madras India
January 12. 1946

My dear Jim

There are six letters and a couple of cables from you to acknowledge. I read them carefully at the time they were received but I did not have the permission to reply to them. It is now possible to do so and I deeply regret to have to write what follows.

You have not been able to draw the correct lessons from the events and experiences of the past few years. This applies to spiritual personal and worldly matters.

Consequently you have gone astray from the philosophic quest in certain directions although you have strengthened and increased your aspiration and devotion.

In these circumstances you should not waste your time believing that you can be used for service, whether to PB personally or humanity generally, at the present time. Such service would be premature and defective. Your primary duty just now is to serve your self, to improve yourself and your affairs.

It is advisable that you stop for a time from reading my mystical literature (including PB's books) and engaging in mystical talks with other aspirants. Get down to simpler and more obvious issues. They are written into your experience and need only common sense and reason to discern.

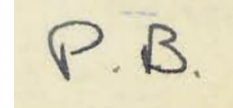
It is also advisable that you refrain from corresponding further with me until I inform you that you may do so again.

I hope to be in America before long and will gladly give you an interview, when you shall have my best advice and blessing.

Please take this in a manly spirit and remember that your loyalty is recognised and appreciated.

All here written is intended for your ultimate benefit, despite immediate pain. And please pardon the brevity and curtness, due only to tremendous pressure on my time. They belie the love which is the truth behind.

With my peace always

A small rectangular piece of yellowed paper with the handwritten initials "P.B." in dark ink.

P.S. If by the time of our interview you are not fully free from the old trouble, I shall pray for your instantaneous liberation from it.

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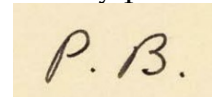
Letter from PB to Jim Covell
Box 34, Station D, New York 3, N.Y.
September 12th, 1946

Dear Jim Covell,

In answer to your letter there is no need to ask for my forgiveness as whatever you did was done with the best intention and with the highest motives.

If you wish to write me you certainly may do so, but I am under such great pressure that it may take a long time before you get a reply. In any case I shall be very glad to give you an interview when I arrive in California early December.

With my peace.

A small rectangular piece of yellowed paper with the handwritten initials "P.B." in dark ink.

P.S. For some time I have asked all friends and students to address me as PB, not as Paul.

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127 - 128

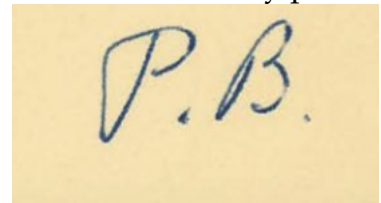
Letter from PB to Jim Covell
207 Lewis Building, Riverside, California⁵³
March 9th, 1947

Dear Jim Covell

From 5:00 p.m., Thursday, March 13th to 7:00 p.m., Sunday, March 16th, I shall be visiting Los Angeles and staying at 1040 South La Jolla Avenue (off Olympic, between Fairfax and La Cienega; seven blocks west of Fairfax.)

I shall be pleased to see you at a mutually convenient time if you will telephone me at Wyoming 7666 between those dates and times.

With my peace.



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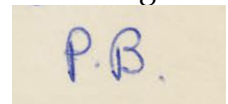
Letter from PB to James Covell
247 Racquet Club Road, Palm Springs, Calif.
March 27th, 1947

Dear James Covell,

I hope the interview the other day has been helpful to you. I will try to give you another one should you desire it, when I am next in Los Angeles.

I am enclosing a letter in German. Will you be so kind as to translate it for me? Thank you.

With my peace and kindest regards.



⁵³ "(Mail Only)" is typed above the address. "Our first meeting" is typed at the top of the page.

P.S. If, as I take it to be, the letter from Wilhelm Barth offers to place to the credit of an a/c in Germany some payment for one of my books, will you please compose in German a reply on my behalf and enclose it with the translation? The position is that this is the first time they have offered to pay anything for my books (they published the German language editions of "The Secret Path" and "A Hermit in the Himalayas" since before the war but I have never received one cent payment for these books. I have now the opportunity to republish them in German through a Swiss firm with a good chance to get some modest payment out of Switzerland and so I wish to transfer the publication. However that is *entre nous*, at present I merely wish to answer this letter by stating that I have no a/c in Germany which they can {credit} and asking if they can send payment to me here. Also ask what⁵⁴ about payments due for earlier years - in fact since publication in 1937?

The above refers to their edition of "Als Einseidler in Himalaya." As regards "Der Weg Nach Innen" the copyright belongs to my British publishers, so refer them to Rider and Co, 68 Fleet Street, London, E.C.4 England who would have to be paid, not me. And, enquire from them what is the position regarding the Himalaya book.

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247 Racquet Club Road,
Palm Springs, California
April 2nd, 1947

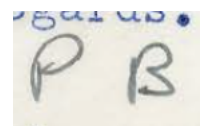
Dear Jim,

I am glad you have found the interview beneficial. I shall be going into Los Angeles in a fortnight's time and will try to arrange another interview for you there. If you are on the telephone, please send me your number. Otherwise I shall write to you.

Thank you very much for the translation. It was helpful. However in the translated reply that you prepared I have found it necessary to make some changes and additions. Will you therefore please prepare the revised reply to me, using the enclosed letterhead and return the original to me so that I may keep it in the records as a copy.

Enclosed you will also find a letter from Austria from Professor Postenca. Will you be so kind as to translate it for me? I shall leave the reply to a later date.

With my peace and kindest regards.



P.S. - It is unnecessary to type an envelope for my reply.

133 - 134
 Letter from PB to Jim
 Stroudsburg
 9 Aug 49

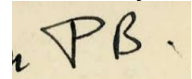
Dear Jim

Here are two little jobs: Thanks. The A.J. Juliard and Co "Zephyroy" Shorts which you bought for me: were they fitted with a belt or not? If not, they should have been as the maker always supplies one along with the shorts. Please apply for it, if you remember the answer. If they did supply one, then it has been lost by my tailor here, so please buy one to fit a 30 inch size shorts. It must of course be made of grey corduroy material, to match the shorts. If you can't obtain ask the storekeeper to get it from the manufacturer.

(2) A metal blue and gilt {cigarette} lighter belonging to Aubrey was apparently left behind at Room 609 in the Columbia Club when I left. Dan did the packing of my suitcase so you might ask him first. It was not in the case when I opened it. So enquire at the club if found by the maid and give it to Aubrey when you next see him.

I have read your essay and find the points made are excellent and profound. But the style needs a little more feeling injected into it to make it more attractive to the general reader.

Peace be with you



this⁵⁵ set was without buttons
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 1/8 yd
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⁵⁵ Page 134; the rest of this letter is handwritten in an unknown hand.

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Letter from PB to Jim

838 Mokulua Drive Lanikai, Hawaii⁵⁶

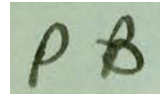
November 30, 1954

Dear Jim,

Further to my letter of a few days ago in which I agreed to inform you of my return to California in February so that we could meet then, I have asked Miss Sadie Marlin of your city to send you, when ready in a week or two, a revised edition of the "form paragraphs" which you so kindly translated into French some time ago.

Some changes have been made in the text and possibly some of the paragraph numbers have been altered. Would you please retranslate the latest revised version, making use of your earlier translation to help you do the job with less effort? Would you please make a carbon copy of the new French trans.? I am keeping the carbon of the excerpt on "universal bookkeeping." It is excellent, but perhaps it is more helpful to western readers to translate the word "karma" into "recompense." It is also accurate. Keep up the good work for it will certainly find its way into print one day. At least into our own little magazine or what I am beginning to believe a full length book. In fact, I think you might try since you have so much material to put it together in book form, which does not prevent its prior use in the magazine.

With affection and peace to you and Pat



L46.137

137 - 138

Letter from PB to Jim

Box 339, Times Square Station, New York, 36, U.S.A.⁵⁷

July 19th. 1957

I am sorry, dear Jim...

that the effort to get your manuscript published has brought no success so far. After studying the various reports of publisher's Readers, I see what a formidable problem it is. However, you must exercise patience, and keep looking, as I will, for a suitable opportunity for publication, either an excerpt in a magazine or full length as

⁵⁶ "From December 1st" is typed above the address. "2103 Third Street Santa Monica, California" appears in the letterhead.

⁵⁷ "Note new address:" is typed above the address.

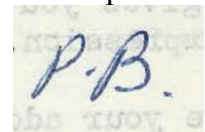
before. Under the circumstances it does not seem of practical use to write a second volume until we know what kind of form would appeal to a publisher, so perhaps you may stop doing that - unless it gives you any particular satisfaction as a hobby for self expression.

A few months ago, in Europe, I gave your address to a Dutch publisher, who seemed interested in what I told him.

With reference to your question about a group movement, I must reply categorically that my standpoint remains just the same as it always has been in the past. I am not in favor of identifying philosophy with any definite group or organization. This stated, I may say that in view of the approach of the date - five years hence - which some of us believe to be a fateful one, the necessity of making some preparation for it has caused considerable discussion among various questers and also engaged my own serious consideration. If atomic weapons are not used then most of the U.S.A. outside the great cities should be safe enough. In the unlikely event that they are used, some individuals who wish to take no risks are considering immigration. What they do not seem to realize is that the fallout danger from atomic bomb explosions on a war time scale would spread over the whole planet and there would then be no safe area at all. Against this, it⁵⁸ may be said that some areas would be less dangerous than other areas, even though none would be quite free from any danger at all.

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With all good wishes to you and Pat, and don't forget to practice the Short Path and identification with "Sunny Jim," with all the emotional control which that requires.



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139 - 140

Letter from PB

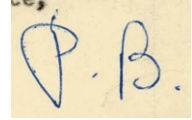
Box 34, Station D, New York 3, U.S.A.

April 9th, 1947

I shall be staying in Los Angeles from 9:00 A.M. Saturday morning, April 12th, until 7:00 P.M. Tuesday evening, April 15th.

Should you wish to see me I shall be pleased to do so at:
1040 South La Jolla, Avenue
Los Angeles, California
(Off Olympic, between Fairfax and La Cienega, 7 or 8 blocks West of Fairfax.)
The Telephone number for appointments is Wyoming 7666.

With my peace,



L46.141

141 - 142
Letter from PB to Jim
Box 34, Station D, New York 3, U.S.A.⁵⁹
June 5, 47

Dear Jim:

I recently arrived on the East Coast after completing my tour and have settled in a little cottage about thirty-five miles from New York City where I shall remain through the summer.

Although our meetings were necessarily brief owing to the heavy pressure on my time, still the contact on the outer plane has been achieved. I hope that you are going to go forward in your chosen work with success.

Enclosed is a letter from Germany. Will you be so kind as to translate it and write your translation and return it with your translation?

Thank you, With my peace.



L46.143

143 - 146
Letter from PB to Jim
The Somerset, Boston 15, Massachusetts⁶⁰
Sunday, 17 Aug 47

Dear Jim

⁵⁹ Address appears in the letterhead.

⁶⁰ Address appears in the letterhead.

Thank you for the mail forwarded and your cooperation here and now received. The Special Delivery was a good idea, it being Sunday.

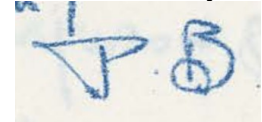
Tomorrow, Monday, I have to move to the Hotel Vendome, cor Commonwealth Avenue and Dartmouth Street, Boston.

My return to {Harmon} will not probably take place on Thursday, the 21st but I will telegraph you the day before I leave. Anyway, it will not be earlier than Thursday.

I⁶¹ will answer personally the points you raise in your letter.

It is not advisable to redirect further mail here: keep the rest for attention on my return. I like Boston.

Peace be with you



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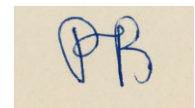
147 - 148

Letter from PB

Boston⁶²

Wed the 20th 47

I arrive at {Nol} Observatory {Jr.} {illegible} Thursday sometime between 9pm and 11pm. Please be there to let me in as I have no key



L46.149

149 - 150

Letter from PB

Duplicate of page 2 of L46.143 with notes by {James Covell}⁶³

Extract: "PB is returning from Montreal he {is} invited to meet some students who studied together"

L46.151

151 - 152

⁶¹ Page 145

⁶² Address appears in the letterhead.

⁶³ Determined by handwriting.

Note by {James Covell}⁶⁴
Partial duplicate of L46.129 with Note by {James Covell}

Extract: "In Croton-on-Hudson, PB was trying to recover money due him from Germany on Hermit and SPath, cut off because of the war."⁶⁵ "

L46.153

153 - 154

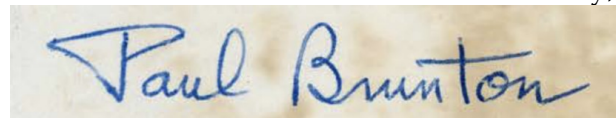
Letter from Paul Brunton to Postmaster
Box 34, Station D, New York 3, U.S.A.
August 21, 1947

Postmaster
Station D
New York 3, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

This is to say that I authorize the bearer to receive registered mail in my behalf. This includes mail of the first, second, third and fourth class.

Yours truly,



L46.155

155 - 156

Letter from Bernard⁶⁶ to Jim
December 22nd, 1947

I was very glad to get your letter, Jim,

but almost immediately after receiving it, Ida and I had to go to Los Angeles for about a fortnight, and were all caught up in the hurry and bustle of the metropolis.

As you probably surmise, the place here is completely changed around. PB has switched offices and bedrooms and what not. His bedroom is now where our office used to be. His office is where his bedroom used to be. And Kenneth's and my place is now in the living room. But outside of a few other minor matters, the ranch is quite the same. Of course, Toby is gone, or did anyone tell you? The same thing happened to

⁶⁴ Determined by handwriting.

⁶⁵ Note is handwritten on a partial duplicate of L46.129.

⁶⁶ "M", "12-26" and "1-27" are handwritten in the top right corner of the page.

him that happened to a dog that PB had in India. Do you remember the story? So we had to have him put to sleep.

Mrs. Salter was with us a few days and you may tell her that it is the consensus of opinion around there that she made a good impression and that she is well liked by everyone.

No, in the days when we were in San Francisco, our idea of a good dish was either a good tender steak or fried chicken, so I cannot tell you of any good vegetarian restaurant in San Francisco.

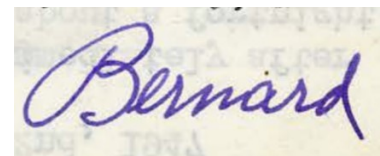
By this time you should be pretty well acquainted with the city. I sincerely hope that your luck will turn and that you will find yourself suddenly situated comfortably, with a future made bright by many offers of well-remunerative positions.

The cat has become an all-round favorite. PB remarked that it was no ordinary cat, for it does things that no self-respecting cat would do. It caught a bird the other day and PB would have none of it, so I had to pry its⁶⁷ mouth loose and then burn the dead bird. The cat turned on me and scratched me, for which I do not blame it, as I interfered with its enjoyment of a nice juicy morsel which it was all ready to do. Its kangaroo-like habit of rising on its two feet is more in evidence than ever and is the surprise of everyone. All in all, it has become our pet, although it is not Mrs Beach's pet, for the other day, espying her white-colored stockings, the cat unaccountably jumped on her, and dug its claws in her legs, eliciting a scream of terror which caused nothing else than the guttural laugh for which he is famous. "oh-h-h-h-h, if I could only see Thee!"

Your offer of continuing to comment on the essays are⁶⁸ deeply appreciated, Jim, but there is no particular need of doing that at this time, as I have been so busy that I would not have much time to study and ponder over your remarks, so as to benefit by them. Thanks just the same.

We have had an unusually cold spell for the past month that has been a disagreeable surprise to all of us, PB included. It is below freezing every morning, and quite chilly at other times. The papers, as usual, state that it is the coldest season in fifty years. That does not help us, so we go about moaning and shivering and wishing for sunny California.

Mrs Salter evidently loves her 'Frisco. I can wish for nothing better than that circumstances should arrange themselves so that you too, Jim, will learn to like that city, as much as she does. Please convey our best regards to her. Ida joins me in wishing you the merriest Christmas of all. By the way, your letter to her in French was faultless and put us all to shame.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bernard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping 'B' and a trailing flourish.

⁶⁷ Page 156

⁶⁸ "is" is handwritten above "are."

Bernard⁶⁹ Masson and wife Ida {move} to Sao Polo, Brazil. They {managed} Rancho Las Palmillas, Tuscan where PB gathered a few students to see about form {was} a staff to put out a Quest magazine. After a year he found it would be too confining. He would have⁷⁰ to read it all and would be hampered in his other work. I left in Nov. Replaced by KH. Pat worked there 10 days around Christmas. She wore mittens to type because of the cold.

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157 - 158
Letter from P. Bernard Masson⁷¹ to Jim
Route 2, Box 559, Tuscan, Arizona
December 30th, 1947

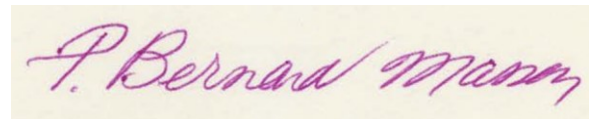
Just a note, Jim,

to tell you that PB received your letter. He wishes you to know that he welcomes your letters and wants you to write as often as you want.

Enclosed are some letters to be translated. The only urgency is the letter from "Otto Wilhelm Barth-Verlag." As for the others, you can take your time with them and translate them at your leisure.

PB has changed the procedure for translating these letters. Whereas before the translation was to be typed on the back of the letter itself, now it is to be typed on the onion-skin paper which you will find enclosed. As this paper is extra-thin, its weight can be ignored as far as airmail rates are concerned.

PB sends you his peace.



P.S. PB said to tell you he hopes to spend next winter in Southern California, next summer in Europe.

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159 - 160
Letter from PB to Jim
Dec 48 (?)

⁶⁹ Page 155, the rest of this letter is a handwritten note by James Covell.

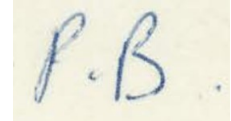
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⁷¹ "M", "1-2" and "acknowledged card, letter, note 1-2" are handwritten in the top right corner of the page.

Dear Jim

This is to tell you that I expect to arrive in California Christmas day, but have not made any arrangements as to where I will stay in Los Angeles. You will be able to obtain my Temporary address by telephoning at Christmas time to Jacques Masson. We shall then meet and discuss matters. Please translate the enclosed letter into English at your leisure and let me have it sometime next month. Please do not attempt to send it by post as I shall be leaving within a few days.

Peace be with you

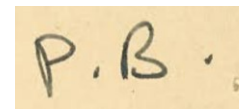
A small rectangular piece of aged, yellowish paper with the handwritten initials "P.B." in blue ink.

P.S.⁷² Please give Jacques your {illegible} address when you have it and if possible a telephone number so that I may get in touch with you on my arrival

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161 - 162
Postcard from PB to Jim Covell
Stroudsburg
July 26, 49

Please note that in re Bermuda shorts, the correct size is 30 inches. If {I.} David's have not got this, then get 32" and have tailor take it in 2". But do not get 34. If David's have not this Bermuda short, drop the matter and do not go elsewhere

A small rectangular piece of aged, yellowish paper with the handwritten initials "P.B." in blue ink.