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My dear Karl

2 Febr 1960

Thank you very much for sending me the copy of Bradford Smith's letter. Could you please let me know to whom else you have sent it. I might supply ^{it to} some others (Adolf? .. Reda?...) who might wish to see it.

We still have not found a place to live in Oxford and I am staying ⁱⁿ College about half the time, and in London during the other half. Please use the address of Merton College, they forward letters with a slight delay if I am in London. I wish I could see my way to visit Toronto soon again, but there is no prospect of it at the moment. I hope you are both recovering from the long winter. Your Missi

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23. March 1960

My dear Brother

Your last letter mentioning some renewed
hacuworhages reached me with a week's
delay owing to my absence from Oxford.
Naturally, I feel very uneasy and would
like to have further news about this development.
How wonderful for you that Kari and Toe
are now making such good progress and can
be with you assisting you in these difficult
days. Please let me know as much as
possible about them. The copy of the letter
you received from Uj Látóh atár has
not yet reached me; my mail is in a
mess. Fortunately, we are going to settle
down in Oxford in a fortnight from
today. But do write to the Chelsea
address till 1. April inclusive. We shall
be here till 4. April inclusive. This is
all for the moment. I gather from Bandi
that Kati is in touch with Ilona, which
should be of help to her and through her to
you. My fervent wishes to you both, Mesi



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22, Upland Park Road
Oxford, 16.4.61

My dear Karl, your letter, a few days ago, brought me immense relief. I was desperately awaiting news from you. Please let me know how Ilona is getting on, and give her my good wishes. Your existence at the borders of civilisation fills me with admiration mixed with anxiety. Looking out on my April-blooming little garden from my new house in North-Oxford, I feel coddled at the thought of R.R.S. (Sounds like ^{the} W.U.R. of Čapek). Who is it I should write about Borbandi? If I knew exactly what authority to address and on what ^{journal} grounds (apart from my esteem for Borbandi and his work) — and if I saw the slightest chance that they would pay attention to my request — I should certainly try to help him. I am sure that Carlo Schmid, Vice-President of the S.D.P. and of the Bundestag would be glad to intervene on Borbandi's behalf, and I know Carlo very well, as a fellow member of the international executive of the Congress for C.F. Please tell Borbandi this. New York must be very empty and sad for you without Mauri. — Could you find out when Hella Gyula's 70th birthday will be? He puts me to shame by always remembering my anniversaries.

In any case, I think we owe him so much through his years of care and fellowship, that the remaining members of the family should make a handsome effort to please him on this ^{particular} occasion. Don't you feel so? - I don't think Enzo Baudi meant any harm by exaggerating my (non-existing) influence. He probably knows little or nothing of what's what in the curious English world. I have in front of me the Snapshot taken of the four of us 23 years ago. Mauri and Adolf had not a gray hair. Last news from São Paulo were fairly good. Adolf still travelling and working hard, but financial situation less good. Please write again. Did you get my Eddington lecture? He

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22 Upland Park Road, Oxford May 14. 60

My dear K.

Thanks for the notes you sent me. I was glad to be reminded of the paradox that in the 18th century great thinkers rejoiced in the providential transformation of self love into 'social' (Pope). It was a token of their moral coldness. I made this ^{very} point in my Gunning Lectures in Edinburgh, ^{namely} that Smith's rejoicing in the invisible hand ~~was~~ turned by the flood of moral dyspepsia into Marx's denunciation of alienation.

I have mailed you an account of our Colloques de Reinfelden by Aron, Kennan, Oppenheimer "et autres", myself being included in the latter group. It contains a sketch of my Theory of Conspicuous Production based on a sound record and translated from it into French. It suggests that we had better make a home in alienation, which might be simply the fact of polycentricity which condemns the members of a highly differentiated social body to concentrate on a fragmentary task, devoid of explicit public concern and lacking a clear articulation of brotherhood. We may of course rather ^{perhaps} ~~perhaps~~ we ought to. Que sais-je? ^{nobly}

Have you read Herzl and Meray The Revolt
of the Mind? It seems to me the most penetrating
study of those great events which shook our
native land, bringing it back to a surprising
extent to the aspirations in which we grew
up there. I have written to Carlo Schmid but
the letter has only just been sent off, so
there will not be much response to it before
the beginning of June or so. I shall see
Carlo personally about this matter at our meeting
~~of~~ ⁱⁿ Berlin around 16th June. Please write
about Ilona, Keri and of course yourself. I hope
the cruel weather has at last departed from R.R.3.
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June 1960

22 Upland Park Rd
Oxford

My dear K.

We returned last night from the Berlin conference of the C.C.F., to find that most of our roses have blossomed and blown out during our short absence. Carlo Schmid told me he was continuing his enquiry into the treatment of Borbani. He suggested that I might approach the German Ambassador in London (Freiherr von Herzog) who would exercise the right influence on the F.O. in Bonn. I should be grateful if you would let Bob know that I tried these things and failed so far.

I am going to ~~improve~~ ^{improve} economy and do not expect to have much chance for doing more for him. Please note my private address 22 Upland Park Road, Oxford. Letters will be slow to reach me via the college. I was very glad with your last letter, though I do not understand your association of Mel Lastman with Lolita. I shall ask the Paris office to send you a copy of my speech made at the closing session of the Conference. I have sent off to print a week ago my essay Towards a Theory of Conspicuous Production, which will come out in Soviet Survey. This is all for the moment, my dear
Miri

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1960

Wednesday
12 July

My dear Kati

I can write only briefly today, to ask you how you are. It's 10 days or so since I last heard from you and meanwhile the tests you were expecting to hear about will have been completed. I fervently hope they have brought you relief from anxiety.

I myself am still recuperating from my operation, but am safely on the way to recovery. I have been at home since last Saturday which was the 12th day after the operation.

It is good news to hear about the great improvement in Ilona's trouble with her spine.

All the best as always,

Ursi

Gyula writes that he has received a history of the Galei Kör published in Hungary. I shall try to get a copy of it. What did you think of it?

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19 July 1960

My dear K.

John writes you may have to have a prostate operation. Is it true? Let me know the facts, please. My own operation is now past more than 3 weeks. Only the first week was difficult but complete recovery takes time, about 4-5 weeks. So you should take on no outside engagements before such period is over.

We have decided not to go to the Continent till the beginning of September. So I shall be within reach at 22 Upland Park Road any time until then. Let me hear from you soon

Miri

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3 October 1960

My dear Brother

Your last letter reached me at the point of leaving on a holiday. You were much in mind all along for I played with ideas in reply to your reminiscence of our dear Gyomai's odyssey. It pained me that you missed one of his favourite points which was the odd way in which

ῥήπιοι οἱ κατὰ βοῦς Ἰσπερίονος Ἡελίοιο/

ἦσσαν, bring out at the opening of a new line:

"megedtik!" As we flew from London to Malta over the straits of Messina, I thought myself lucky to have avoided Scylla and Charybdis by the art of Daedalus, a figure close to the ancient heart of Sicily.

But I got really involved only when it turned out that the little island of Goxo within sight north of Malta is supposed to be "ῥήσος δερδσησος"

ὅτι τ' ὄμφαλός ἐστι δαλασσης" where Odysseus spent 7 years at the side of Circe. I doubt that this barren rock could ever have been wooded and it certainly is not situated at the navel

of the seas, but well within reach of the warping crafts of the Phoenicians and Greeks. Please tell Ilona that Mrs Lantos very kindly sent me a copy of the history of the Galilei Kör. It just arrived and strikes me at first glance to be very well done. You know how our mother used to call herself "die Mutter der Krachen" so it is pleasing to see commemorated next to your comprehensive historical role, also the typically comical and yet extravagant action of Adolf which preceded yours by a number of years.

I shall try to get a copy for my library of writings by and about ourselves. Please let me know how you fared at your cystoscopy on 23. September. I do trust all is well. I myself have to return for treatment ever so often, which is a nuisance, but I hope a passing thing. The world situation is of course pressing continuously on my mind. I wake up in the mornings with horror at the sight of the political horizon. Admittedly, most of the time I take refuge in the privilege of old age, to do little or nothing about a world dominated (apart from Adenauer) by my juniors. In June I saw quite a bit of Willy Brandt again and felt my respect and affection for him strengthened. Please write soon. Meisi

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Miss Jean K.

15 October 1960

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My dear K.

Tomorrow a week you will celebrate your 74th birthday with Ilona, Kari, Sve and the grand kids. What a blessing! I can add little to it, except to say how much I hope to be with you all on the next occasion, when there will be a rounder figure to rejoice in. We expect to leave for the US and Canada early next summer and to stay around ^{here} for some time. My Fellowship at Newton will have terminated and I shall be taking up a semester's residence at Charlottesville (Univ. of Virginia). After this (i.e. from mid January 1962) we propose to flock about a little in North America, previous to settling down for the last lap in Oxford. Last night at the Pushkin Club I met some of your old and newer friends. The former was called (as I understood it) Sampson, a burly ^{in London} faced intellectual who said we had met at your home some 20 odd years ago, the latter a married couple from Toronto, of delightfully graceful appearance (some Frenchish name?), the man being a poet who participated in translating Hungarian poetry under your and Ilona's guidance. He said Routledge has started publishing poetry, so I advised him to see Norman Franklin. I was in the Chair for Seton (Nuffield) talking on Soviet Economic Outlook, very much influenced by Kornai's analysis, but apparently drawing on Russian sources to bear it out. Actually, Kornai was not mentioned. You may be interested that he (Kornai) is due in London for a term at the L.S.E. Oh yes — Paul Iqnotus

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sent me the two pieces you wrote for *Trödalmi Újság*.
I liked them very much. "Old times" are crowding in.
Tony Stolper sent me her monumental biography of
Gustav Stolper - very readable and revealing the force
of G.St.'s personality by a lovingly intimate and un-
critical response to him. He was great in courage and
moral conviction, even though his thoughts were rarely on
a high level. My paper on *Conspicuous Production* will be
out in a few days and will reach you by surface mail.
I have seen the papers forming the symposium about my essay
and they seem to show that my ideas were new to the experts.
Very curious. Another paper (*Knowing and Being*) to appear in
Mind has passed the galley stage, a third (*Faith and Reason*)
is still being considered by the Editors of the *Journal of Religion*
(Chicago). *The Study of Man* is coming out in German. So far no one
has yet read *Personal Knowledge* in Oxford, except the former owner of our
house, an old Scottish doctor who nice died and the owner of the *Capri Restaurant* whom
I have never met. Nothing else to report. Misi

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Oxford 14. Jan 1961

My dear K

Well, how did Europe profit you? Toni wrote she saw you (both) a short while ago in New York. So far so good, but I would be glad with some more ample news. My own experience in the lands of Nasser and Nehru would take too much space to recount. In any case, I am back here with my nose to the grindstone, having undertaken to take a class during the Hilary Term (a lot of Oxford halandrsa) on Personal Knowledge (some more M.P. halandrsa). The main event dominating all else is that after 28 years in this country we are living since yesterday in a centrally heated house (our own) fuelled by oil. Yet I shall tell you two more things. The Taj Mahal is in truth as miraculously lovely as its picture on travel posters would wish you to think and the American Embassy (by Stone) in New Delhi is probably the most beautiful modern building in the world. Egypt is fed intellectually from the United States but the intellectual capital

of India is still Oxford which for this purpose includes Cambridge. My paper on Soviet planning was received with surprising sympathy both by the chief planner of Egypt (Abdel Rahman) and his opposite number in India, Pitamber Pant. Of course, though we were could-shouldered as American Imperialists in Cairo, we found that they had locked up all their Communists. In India the situation is similar, though Communists are only ostracised, i.e. all contacts with them prohibited for Federal officials. I met none.
Do write, Mimi



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Oxford, England.
21 January 1961.

Dr. Karl Polanyi,
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Pickering, Ontario,
Canada.

Dear Brother:

Just a line to tell you how pleased I was to hear from you. It is illegal for me to pay in any money to a foreign resident's account in England but I can ask friends to do it when I go to Paris next month (18 Feb.). Please let me know whether the matter can wait until then. I could just as well send it directly to you in Canada from Paris. Alternatively I could send it to some British resident friend of yours in England at any moment. I hope my letter which crossed yours has meanwhile reached you.

Please write soon

M.



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12. Aug 1961

My dear brother, All being well I should soon meet you again. My plane from Montreal should get into Toronto during the day of 30th August. I just re-read your letter of March 4th, evoking dear memories. I hope to hear more about the Great Transformation in the Sixties. The title reminds me of Raymond Williams's "The Continuing Revolution". More effective in the same direction seems to me E. E. Hirschmann "On Human Unity" (Gollancz) 1961. There certainly is a great deal to be said in favour of further great transformations. You might be interested to hear that I have hit here on a corner with which you were connected many years ago. I met Tom Hodgkin who is carrying on the more leftish line of Sandy Lindsay which was embodied in the Oxford Delegacy. We also had frequent visits from Lindsay's daughter, Mrs Drusilla Scott who told us a lot about the Congo where her husband is British Ambassador. She does nurse her father's memory very actively. Another link with your earlier days was a visit by Joe Neldham about a month ago. We got on well, though I must admit it was rather grim to read soon afterwards Hifton's clinical analysis of Brainwashing in China. However, there are grim days; an evening spent with Kende Zsiga last

Monday in London, brought it home once again.
Sidney Hook has published a longish attack on
Beyond Nihilism which, he thinks, denigrates Enlighten-
ment and Rationalism. Löwenthal is going to get
out another criticism in Encounter which makes
almost the opposite allegations. I have just
finished a Postscript to Beyond Nihilism in
reply to both of these attacks which restates my
thesis rather than answering particular objections.
I hate making debating points. I have written
a lot of bits in the past 12 months or so
which you might want to look at - or not.
Well, there are mere anticipations of the
joy to see you - and Thona - again,
quite soon. *Musi*

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3. May 62

Karli, my dear, I was delighted to hear from you. I was worried; but having no right address always discourages me, ^{from writing.} I suppose you are back in Toronto by now. We returned here on Feb 28th and have been living very quietly and busily there 2 months. I can at least rival you in getting up early in the morning and working on till late. The lectures, ^{of which} you have a copy were repeated - with revisions - in Berkeley and brought large audiences, whatever that may mean. It certainly made me feel even more sympathetic to American universities. The only totally dead wood I came across there was composed of German refugee philosophers - though, admittedly, there is a lot of academic blindness, ^{also} due to the spread of Oxford philosophy. These lectures are now being toned down and supplemented by two substantial chapters to form a book entitled "The Modern Mind; its Structure and Prospects". It ought to be finished next week, but it will take a few more months to check its material meticulously, while I have to meet another set of deadlines. I shall ask the Roosevelt University of Chicago to send you a copy of a lecture I gave there in January and ^{which} they printed for gratuitous circulation in a very handsome format. I was very pleased with the Vol III ^{No 5} of "The New Hungarian Quarterly" which reached me a few days ago. A genuine and very instructive piece of intellectual life. I shall send you some reprints ^{of my own} that I would like you to read, as soon as I am certain of your address. Please drop me a line to confirm it and let me know more details about the speaking engagements you are planning to meet. Magda

and I are planning to fly to New York on 7th Sept.
and to go on via Toronto to San Francisco. I have
accepted a fellowship at the Center for Advanced Studies
of the Behavioural Sciences for the whole academic year
from Sept. to June. Best wishes to you all from both
of us. Uxii

We are expecting the visit of Credo early in
June. Before that we propose to go on a
holiday to Italy for 3 weeks (from 13. May).

Professor Oppenheimer, whom I met in Chicago
in January, wished me to convey to you his
greetings and high appreciation.

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18 June 1962

My dear Karli,
I am worried to have no news of you. It is some weeks since I replied to a letter of yours. There are frequent letters from John and Sue, but nothing in them lately about you. John has been made ~~a~~ full professor, which may somewhat lighten the excessive burden of his office - I hope. I have abandoned the project of publishing my Charlottesville lectures in book form and have already re-written a major part of them. I shall change the whole perspective of the work before letting it ^{be} printed. One chapter extending to 13000 words is to be published next November by the Reviews of Modern Physics in a special issue in honour of Eugene Wigner on his 60th birthday. Our trip to Athens had to be terminated after 4 days, as I needed treatment. But I am quite well now. Peter Kende writes that his father has had a heart attack (emboly) but is quite well again and planning to visit London soon.

Peter has at last got the Centre National de
Recherches to publish his book on central
^{economic} & planning in Soviet countries. It will be
out before the end of this year. Today
we are rejoicing at the news of an
agreement between the OAS and the FLN.
Interesting to ponder on the positions these
partners represent, each having gone full
circle. I look forward to seeing you
again in less than 3 months from now.
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Dr Karl Polanyi

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Pickering (Ontario)

Canada

3 Aug 1962

My dear Brother,

I am distressed to hear that you are detained longer than usual at the hospital which you entered for your usual checkings. I am glad to hear that John went to see you twice, but am worried about it. I am glad ^{also} to know that I shall see you again in less than 2 months. We originally intended to fly via the North Pole to San Francisco but have definitely changed our plans now for a detour via Toronto. We expect to arrive here on 21-22 September and to leave on 24th Sept. for Stamford. I have been away on a holiday in Alpbach (Tyrol) for a fortnight and returned thence only 2 days ago. This letter is my last sign of life before embarking on an intense campaign of writing in which I must busy myself for completing a series of three lectures for Yale, to be delivered there on 16-18th October. I want to make a concise statement of my whole position in very precise terms, in fact, in a series of theses. The trouble is that I have discovered some big gaps and these will take a lot of time ~~of~~ for filling them. I have written to you twice without getting a reply, and this has also got me worried. Perhaps Ilona could drop me a line, if you are still in bed or otherwise prevented from writing. I shall write again as soon as I hear from you.

Mis:

17. Sept 1962

My dear Karl,

I am sorry you are spending your time musing imaginary grievances. For some years now you keep reviving your fanciful stories about non-existent conspiracies. I do not wish to hear any more of this subject.

I shall always be happy to correspond and converse with you in a peaceful, loving and intimate way. I shall enjoy doing anything for you that you want to be done.

I believe that is what is proper between us and is all that we should be concerned with together at our age.

All the best to you and
to all of you,

Wisi

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22 Sept 1962

My dear Karli,

It may seem unbelievable, but I had never noticed the offensive remarks made by Iquitos about the G. K. and yourself in my Festschrift. You were quite right in protesting against these. I told John this morning that you were hurt by something said in this article and he showed me that you had good reason to feel as you do. The fact is that I have a horror of reading anything about my person, and when I was asked to approve a biographical note about me, I just said that it was no business of mine. I am very distressed by finding that you have been so flippanly criticised.

in this essay and even more, perhaps,
of having so sharply rejected your
complaint.

I am afraid it may not be
possible to meet you on the occasion
of my visit here (we arrived last
night and are leaving on Monday or
Tuesday) but I hope to be back
again fairly soon.

Please write to me at

710 Stanford Avenue
Menlo Park, California

I do hope we can yet forget
about this matter

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the Hotel **R**oosevelt

MADISON AVENUE AT 45th STREET, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

Nov 3 62

My dear Karli,

Your letter restored my peace of mind and I was profoundly grateful for it. But, what with the President's proclamation on Oct 21st and my frantic preparations of the Terry Lectures in Yale (Oct 29 - Nov 1,) my peace of mind was shattered again and I lost count of your birthday. I am sorry if the absence of my greetings pained you. I had an absurdly harraining time at Yale, but was pleased to find Jeanie a graceful and companionable young woman, quite happy to act as hostess for her great-uncle, when entertaining university

My address in California: 710 Standing Avenue, Menlo Park, Calif.

friends and students to dinner. I am due to spend tomorrow, Sunday, at Eva's house, accompanied by Gyula and Elsa. There is one thing I want to make sure of from you, namely that you will let me have your address in Montreal. I suppose you will leave for Montreal soon after your ~~recent~~ hospital stay on Nov 7th.

I hope this will be briefer than the last one. After the frantic rush of our first month at Stanford, I hope to fall into a more leisurely stride on my return there, which is to be on Nov 13th. I repeat my address to which I hope you will let me know your address — with relevant dates — at Montreal.

I do think of you both very often and would love to have a chance of seeing you again. I suppose, next spring.

Miri

Dec 3, 1962

My dear Karl,

Please don't worry. I was so very pleased by the news you gave me in the first three quarters of your letter, that I was fairly taken aback by your angry words, which followed. You speak of a wholesale corruption due to the expenditure of 10 billion dollars by the US on anti-communist publications. Now, a good part of the publications usually labelled anti-communistic and financed by American money, are the newspapers of the Congress for Cultural Freedom, like Encounter, Presence, Des Monets, Forum, Quest, Quadrant, Quaderns, published respectively in London, Paris, Berlin, Vienna, Bombay, etc, etc. This enterprise is supported intimately by people like Ignazio Silone, Raymond Aron, Edward Shils, George Kennan, Robert Oppenheimer, Willy Brandt, Jajickash Narayan. In any case, it is, ^{and has been} conducted with my continuous participation for the last 10 years, and it has also, incidentally, published Irodalmi Ujsag, which has been a less distinguished, but altogether respectable member of our chain. You can't expect me to feel that you are merely expressing 'differences of opinion' if you use such

adjectives as 'obscene', 'corrupt', etc. in a context which appears to be aiming at their activity ^{and company} with which I have been proud to be associated for a decade of my life. I shall presently send you a list of my writings on philosophy and public affairs, going back to 1935 which a Ph.D. student is about to compile here. I shall be glad to have your criticism ^{of any of} these statements. I shall also be glad to have any criticism you may wish to make of the policy of the Congress for Cultural Freedom since its foundation in 1950. But please spare me vague diatribes against unspecified targets.

Looking back, for my part, on my writings during the past 27 years or so, which include about 100 titles, I have no acute sense of embarrassment in facing what I have written. To have objected to Stalin, before the 20th Party Congress, does not seem to me to ^{have} been a betrayal of any great cause, but a very needful warning against a great evil. I will not accept any moral reproaches on this score. Nor will I tolerate any comparison with the campaign of fanatical mendacity conducted for so many years by the Third International (or ^{comparison that} your letter draws in respect of some unspecified anti-communist literature financed by the 10 billions of the US).

Well, I suppose this is what you wanted to know. Please do not take the matter too seriously, we shall get along anyhow. I was about to forget about the whole business when your letter asked me to tell you what I objected to. If you must do these things, I shall not mind. It is of no importance between brothers, Kishi

Dec. 21:

My dear Karli,

We have not made a very good job of eliminating extrafactual stumbling blocks to our true sentiments. This is constantly on my mind, and I have written innumerable letters in my head with a view to eliminating or circumventing this block. I shall leave all these letters unwritten for the moment, but am sending a message that may go some way toward their aim in form of the MS of my Terry Lectures. They are heavy (20000 words) and are being sent therefore separately.

You have always been most generous in your response to my philatelic writings, even though my scribble is some thoughts on which we are separated. So I hope you will be brought nearer to me by glancing at these pages.

We are leaving on a holiday to Guatemala and - on the way back - Mexico in a few days and shall be away till 16-th January.

I hope to find some news from you on my return. Meanwhile, you will have spent Christmas eve with the young people, and have added to your ^{happy} thoughts - lucky man, Missi

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My dear Karli,

16th Sept 1963

alas, it will be soon 3 months that we parted at Toronto airport by my being unceremoniously swept away by the routine of passenger drill. It was very good of Dona to drive me all that way. I am glad at least I told her how well she drives and protested the injustice of her being fined. Meanwhile I can also congratulate her beautiful translations in your joint volume. I was deeply moved by her powerful response to the great Hungarian prose. Since I left you, I had a good meeting with the World Students Christian Federation who are keen on my theory of knowledge. It was a great experience to be thanked for telling them so much more than I could possibly know. I certainly don't know, as I realised when finding their theological discourses arid and almost repulsive. Perhaps I am a child talking with an adult, a one-sided conversation. I am working madly at the re-writing of my Terry Lectures, but the task still seems endless. After America Oxford seems overspecialised and petty, but perhaps this feeling is but my reaction to the fact that I am not taken much (or almost any) notice of here. So the pettiness might be on my side. The Study of Man has come out in Plenum Paperback, Science, Faith and Society and Personal Knowledge are to follow soon. I had a glorious hour with Adolf and Lily in New York on July 14th to 17th. Part of the occasion was a charming assembly of family at Tommie's house in Queens. I have not heard anything from any of them since then. Adolf was subdued but happy. He is happier since he has slowed down. A lovely man. I am very sorry I did not get round to meet Kasi in Montreal, but with a lecture to prepare for a new audience every day,

There was nothing left of me for my pleasure.
 We are finally settled now her till mid January
 when I shall move to Duke University for one
 semester. I hope to see you at Montreal or Toronto
 on that occasion. Please let me have the exact
address of Kari so I can send her some papers
 and get to know what she is doing. I never lose
 sight of an address once it is inscribed in my little
 book I carry around. I met a young man yesterday,
 just from school going up to Cambridge, by name of
 Edwards whose father is a follower friend of yours.

We keeps you in good memory. So do I
 with best wishes

by surface
 Mailed you some old papers
 referring to bits of your work.
 They were found among my old writings.

Yours

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17th Oct. 1963

My dear Karl

This is to supplement my letter written about 3 weeks ago, which missed you at Pickering, for you were off to Hungary. I hope you have found it on your return, so I shall repeat nothing I said there. In fact, I would not write today, but for the purpose of remembering your birthday. I hope you celebrate it en famille, in which you are blessed with possibilities we lack. Kende Zsiga told me that I was much on your mind when you saw him in Budapest. I am sorry to be such an odd fellow, but it is difficult to break the habit of it after so many years. And after all, since all is well that ends well, we are in a favourable position to make all well, having only a few more years to watch and provide a happy ending. Or shall I wish you instead many more years in which to puzzle about me? No, really not; I wish you all those years but not that way.

I would rather suggest that we retire into private life and cultivate our brotherly love as our garden, à la Candide. I am longing to know more about the ordinary things of your life and feel very reduced in my quality as uncle and great uncle in respect of your young family. Well, all this will be in my mind when we next meet, which should be not later than January. Please let me hear about your health and Ilona's. We are quite well, except that we both seem to work like mad. Silly things to do. All the best

Kissi

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Dec. 14th 1963

My dear Karli

It is four weeks since your operation and I have had no news since Ilona wrote the day after, saying that the success of the intervention is still uncertain. I am, naturally, very worried. Has your condition taken a serious turn to the worse? I dare not ignore this possibility, nor dare I admit it. I hope the colour photograph of our family portrait, which I mailed you by air, has reached you safely. I thought you might like to be reminded of our childhood, as Christmas approaches. I shall air mail a Christmas greeting to Kari and Joe. It is a shame that we are so out of touch with them.

I have lately been reminiscing a bit also in print. In September I published in Science a most curious story, how my theory of adsorption, put forward 49 years ago, was first acclaimed, then rejected, afterwards vindicated but almost forgotten, and finally rediscovered and universally accepted. I shall send you a copy of the paper, which is really amusing. Another line of reminiscences is included in a new introduction I have just written for the paper-back edition of Science, Faith and Society, which came out first 18 years ago. I did not notice at the time that with your Great Transformation you had launched yourself at the same moment on your major literary enterprise. These 18 years have seen a great transformation in both of us. Give my love to Ilona, I hope her silence is not due to the resolve to leave sad things unspoken. And thanks for sending flowers to Sue on Michael's birth. Miss