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Dear Sylvia,

I came across your review in Joachim Joesten's news letter, and I have been meaning to write you: I wonder if the two of us are really the only people who will miss Arnoni & the Minority in equal terms? I have had bad times with him, as who does not, and yet I have always come back to him, and I think he did to me, and to the magazine as invaluable and genius-like.

I wrote my best pieces of polemics for him, he has the best of literary taste, and no other editor on the Left can match him; in fact there is nowhere left, since Ramparts is so disorganized, that I really like...I am hoping to dedicate my next book of essays to Menachem.

I started out to ask you ~~news~~, and it turned into this dirge of sorrow because I suspect we have the same feelings here?

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Also, I was much interested in Joesten's news letter: do you approve of him? or did he borrow your review?

I would very much like to support this letter if you agree it is valuable, non-phoney (I am always gullible) and I wonder, if you approve, if he would send it to me for what financial help I can give him, plus "moral" support, etc? His fee seems outrageous to me?

Also I feel some uncertainty about his linking of everything to everything, tho privately I tend to do this myself: and now what about his item on the Supreme Court & the Warren Report? It is fascinating if true.

Am on the last lap of my big five year Mark Twain book and just hope it is as good as I think/hope it is...What stuff he has on the American Empire in the 1900s: which the academics don't wish to understand....

Very best personal regards for the New Year: we'd better stay together now without our Menachem.