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Dear Sylvia,

A brief note to say that your book arrived safely, and many, many thanks, and I want to read it directly if only I can get it away from my wife (who has kept up with the WC books more than I) and who grabbed it and has disappeared with it...It looks and feels simply marvelous to me; the necessary book of them all.

I ~~am~~ could not help a little private joke on my James book, because I spent 7 years "snooping" into the James Cult, and then deciding it was a complete Fraud, a cold-war Proposition of utmost magnitude, as the Book declares. It was thrown in the face of the whole Jamesian Establishment and resulting in outlawing me....and yet what I pride myself on is the analyses of James's work which became fantastic & delightful to

me--and which the British critics seem to agree with. Pool Leon Edel's heartbeat (he is the Warren Commission head of the James Cult) has never been the same--his fourth volume has never been finished....

I write this because I don't want you to read the book in any case, but if you should, don't read it under the misapprehension that it is pro-James--whom, yet, I do find fascinating as the most exotic writer, perhaps, ever to be.

~~Enough~~ Enough literature: will be in touch with you soon again: went to Arnoni's Friends of Minorities y, NY, and hope the mag. is not so badly off as it sounds....You are a "female Menachiem," which is just about the highest honor, as you seem to appreciate--I wrote to Penn, & to Howard Griffin, but have had no response...Of course Howard thinks everything is framed these days, & he is probably right.

My compliments! max

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