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Dear Vince,

Thanks so much for your thoughtful note. I got the same letter on the same date, and was really exhilarated by those words "indefinitely --until the W-C- is reopened." The letter was followed by a phone-call from David Welsh, last night, from Beverly Hills (where he was talking to Mrs Field). Apparently when he heard about my manuscript (the comparative study of the WR vs the H&E) he became excited about it; I told him that I had already mailed him the whole manuscript, as far as I have gone thus far (just over 300 pages). We will see what he thinks after looking at it.

About two weeks ago I finished checking proof of my index and a letter from the publisher this morning says that the book will be out in the early part of March, if everything goes according to schedule. You were instrumental in my decision to go ahead with the index and look for a publisher, Vince, and I will always appreciate the encouragement you gave me then, as now.

Maggie Field let me down twice ~~last~~ by cancelling stopovers in New York on her way back from Paris, so that we could not make our planned visit to the Salandrias. If I had had a free Saturday, I might have come by myself; but, Vince, between the index and the manuscript and the letters phonecalls and other incidental chores, I have not had any respite whatever. I have no doubt that you have been equally busy; but we must try to have a talk soon, at least by phone (will you be in New York at all?).

With warm affection to you and Libby,

Sincerely,