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Dear Sylvia,

Your letter was most welcome. But you should not flatter the old man. The letter to David Lipton, I feel after rereading it was too sharp in part. But not the paragraphs on Thompson whom I would put in the same cell with Epstein, both calculating opportunists. No, I see no point in approaching Thompson. If he and Vincent are as close as I observed them to be, Vincent to whom I do sent a copy of the letter to Lipton, may show it to him. Incidentally, I have not heard from Vincent for more than a half a year. He did not respond to a one-sentence inquiry asking if there was a sequel to the Vaganov story.

Apparently he sees no point in maintaining contact.

I am sorry.

Harrison, here's a trouble. I began a systematic analysis of his Playboy interview which I interrupted to read Weisberg's books, and yours, and Thompson's, and the material appearing in press and publications. Now at last I am caught up except for the books coming from England (as explained in the accompanying letter) and can go back to it and include what followed it.

My opportunity to do so will begin on Jan 12 when I am going on a short vacation alone to a place with, I anticipate, no distractions. My luggage

will consist mostly of books, magazines, and papers. I hope I will be able to return on the 21<sup>st</sup> with some thing to show for my solitary evenings.

then I will get in touch with you and we can meet. Our phone number is unlisted. We were driven to that by persistent calls at all hours of the night and early morning by someone who never spoke but hung up after we said "hello" or, in the end, "goodbye". The number is

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We wish you many satisfying and healthful  
New Years.

Yours

Tom