

24 December 1970

Dear Harold:

This is mostly to let you know that the copy of Post-Mortem you mailed on Dec. 7 arrived here two days ago in excellent condition. We are deeply pleased that you have done this and find no words to thank you properly. We are both perishing to read it, but have promised ourselves that we shan't try to until we have an adequate block of time really to absorb it. For one, I am getting very tired of having to try to absorb things in bits and pieces; but that is the way things go these days. Post-Mortem deserves something much better, and we want to do it justice.

There isn't time at the moment to reply to your good letter of the 9th; that will have to wait a bit too. But ~~it~~ I did want to let you know that your kind gift had arrived and how much we appreciate it.

And a footnote to the order we had the pleasure of filling for you and which went off on the 14th. SHE said several times that while SHE doesn't refund on merchandise, it would be quite all right to bring it back for an exchange if the size or color doesn't suit. So bear that in mind, and shoot it on back if it's not right on the beam.

We met the Chinese gentleman you mentioned -- we're sure it was he. But he wasn't there the day we went back the second time to make the purchase. Naturally, we are consumed with curiosity as to this couple. There is a somewhat startling contrast between his suave polish and gentility and HER blunt firmness. Has to be experienced to be appreciated.

This is all I have time for now. Be sure and send the Chinese garment back if it doesn't suit for any reason; we will be most happy to take care of it. And thank you again for your kind and generous gift. It pleases us in many ways over and above its own substance.

More later,



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