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NOTRE RÉF.:

VOTRE RÉF.:

March 17, 1966

Dear Francis,

Odile told me of the death of your brother just before I left Cambridge to return here. I am very sorry and hope that his wife and children have something solid to turn upon. It was my intention to visit your aunt but my last two days in Cambridge were marked with a wretched cold that I thought best not to expose her to. But the next time I'm in Cambridge, I shall definitely see her.

I have left a copy with John to give you.

Oh the book side – I should like very much if you could read it soon so that I may know what you think I'm wrong or where the emphasis is unjust. John, Max, and Hugh have read it, without serious reservations. So has Brass, who took it very nicely and made some factual corrections that I'll incorporate into the next version. Now my hope is that after I receive your comments (I'll be most interested to know how you feel I treat Maurice's role) I'll rewrite a number of sections and then show it to Maurice. Then conceivably with some form of concensus, that the story is an fairly accurate version, as how I looked at the problem between 1951-53, its publication must be considered.

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Hopefully ~~[illegible]~~ I plan to return to Cambridge in the second or third week of April having just made, or making here the next round of corrections. So if you have any redeals views could you write me here, - minor corrections could be made while I'm in England.

My African trip was remarkably free of bad moments, and full of marvelous scenery, appealing local people, and many civilized expatriates. So do not take as an unpleasant joke, a subsequent invitation to be in East Africa.

Trust that Odilas legs will soon be mended

J.

P.S. Now seriously thinking about semi-small chateau = renovated 10th century earlier - 11 bedrooms - 18 Km from lab - fantastic view of Alps near Chamonix.

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