

October 16, 1965

Dear Franklin and Gertrude,

Again, may I thank you, Franklin, for the privilege and joy of reading your manuscript. Of course I realize my appreciation is as a first grader of the teacher who has been to the University. But whatever the mind picks up or rushes forth to unite with, the inner stirrings are definitely there and more so than with anything I've read. Each thought sparks so many within myself that it may take a day to finish one page. And sometimes I am impelled to write out my thoughts. I am not saying my thoughts are of depth, but they are thoughts reaching into depths...I shall not measure, it matters not. I think your words throw an ethereal light upon thought....as tho thought is there in shadow, and your words act as a strong and focused light, enlightening the thought. At the risk of sounding foolish and emotional, I get upon my knees in gratitude.

Having practically memorized Jung's Memories etc. I am most appreciative of your references to his thought. My intuition had impelled me to send off for Secret of the Golden Flower, so I was most surprised to see your reference to it. I have read nothing of von Hartmann, but shall check him in the library. I am also pleased with references to Aurobindo. I recently had a dream of Aurobindo in which a young Indian girl told me I was to read chapter five and ten in Life Divine. I did and got much. I had to do some talking, in this dream, to get the woman into something serious, as she wanted to talk of jewelry (a beautiful yellow necklace)

Another interesting (to me) dream was of my looking into this beautiful book of pictures and showing them to Erma (or Mom..I couldn't differentiate) and Dr. Rhinell. Upon awakening, the dream was interrupted with a phone call, I could remember only two pictures, one like a Botticelli and full of angels, the other a symbol...a double swastika with a double circle in the center. Could this relate to the recent feeling or dream of the world in picture form as well as like a pictures negative? I guess like an inside and outside, ...but is the inside colorless? Well, I can't interpret now, shall let it develop (ha) first. What is the new science-talk of anti-matter. I've only read references to it, no details....

I am currently reading Plato. My he has developed since I got out of college. I didn't like him particularly well at that time. I am also still working on some sort of paper on creativity. It may end up, when finished, upon a shelf. But I feel a need to write and some day I must make the outer effort, so why not now? I suppose I feel sheepish to presume I at this stage know anything to put into written form to stare me in the face. But it may throw of a few of my thoughts into orderliness. (Maybe I'm afraid my foolishness will show.) I ~~am~~ will send it to you all, since I know you will criticize honestly. Anyway, all I know at the present time, is that it will show the inner development of some creative ones and how this is a unity, and how their outer is

a Multiplicity etc etc. No, I know I am not original, only for myself: I have been again 'compelled' or perhaps 'impelled' to study the poets, particularly the transcendentalists (I previously had no feeling re poetry) a few philosophers (Nietzsche, Spinoza, Kant), psychology (Jung being almost the sole representative) and composers. It was most interesting how I came across the book for composer-research. I was attending a meeting at Lois and Stan's and they have a bookcase which covers one whole wall. I was 'impelled' (?) to look in this one corner over and over until it finally dawned on me that there was a book for me there. After the meeting I looked at various titles and this one leaped out at me, for on the way over I had meditated a little and decided to research composers.

I know you both know you are welcome here at any time, but I thought I would again extend an invitation. November seems to be a reoccurring month for your visits, so just in case you have it in mind.

Mom apparently has had an abcess develop behind the liver and has had a lot of pain with it, as well as temperature. She had to reenter the hospital for three or four days. (entered last Wenesday) Dad called and I guess they were both very discouraged. Erma called them and helped outwardly, as well as on the inner side.

Will close now and I send my love,

*Saraethy*

Are Paul & Lee still planning on a visit to Phoenix? We are surely fond of them! Hope they can make it.

Had a lovely letter from Nadine. She has been so kind to me, and loving. She seems to think I help her with my letters .... see why I think she is kind .... we have been exchanging thoughts on Will -

November 4, 1965

Dear Franklin and Gertrude,

How glad we are that you will be able to come over. I just called Erma and she said when I write to be sure to tell you how grateful she is, for she feels a real need. She was somewhat ill and said she would write later. I also called Mom and she said she was most anxious. Nana and Gertrude can help and of course Henrietta will be there to do the tedious chores, so it will be a hardship on noone, and a deep pleasure for us. Could we rearrange things just a little. Wes' sister and brother-in-law and two children are visiting with us the 12 thru 16, so would you be able to go to Ajo first, or Douglas? We will be most happy to have you the 17th on...we will have a meeting Saturday the 20th and I will write Rosalynde and Ruthie so that they may attend. They came to our last meeting and seemed to enjoy it.

Do you have anything to say about our going to LA? Or is my intuition wrong. I'll warn you ahead of time that I want to hear all about Mt. Denali....everything you feel free to tell. Since hearing from you about it, and seeing the picture (something comes thru your pictures that I've not seen before...a feeling) I have had a growing feeling about this entity(?). It is an overshadowing rapport or identity, but it has continued to grow and the poor mind cannot categorize it at all. I suppose it is the feeling some have re Tibet. Could it be because I was born in Alaska, or was I born there because of Denali?

I feel such pressure re your manuscript. I have finished about 200 pages and find them so worthwhile I have the tendency of frustration as to whether to go on or reread. I did pick up the one section and reread and want to copy it word for word, but time in this case is an enemy. Ah, but for three days isolation. I might catch up a little. The meetings have been good. Erma has a visitor come thru quite often lately. I can feel the current quite strongly. We have gathered a few visitors, a couple of people who are quite loving and pure...my interpretation, for what it is worth...

Well, I wont make a list of questions this time. They always seem to be so unimportant when near Franklin. Apparently the work is done inwardly and the questions will have to be spontaneous. We'll see.

Shall close now shall postpone the ironing an hour so that I may write I feel a need just to let go. As Gertrude so rightly points out, even tho order is necessary in a unit such as our family, still one must place the important things first.

Love  
Dore

Jan. 4, 1966

Dear Franklin and Gertrude,

Thank you so much for the Christmas packages. They were a thrill for the children. I'm really excited about ours. We are saving it for some special night when we can share it. Thank you!

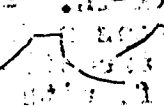
About two days before Christmas I seemed to begin to come out of that barren state of consciousness. And as I came out of it I began to see what had happened. The outer man had thought he had been careful not to become dependent, but some part of me had slipped up and when the group work was stopped that part retreated. Perhaps I'm stating this poorly. I feel that group work is good particularly for the beginners, or those with ego-problems. I imagine, altho I'll change my mind if it is necessary, that group work will be for me some day. I seem to enjoy people and can a little have an empathy. It is difficult not to become 'involved' and an involvement can sneak in. I have a love of psychology and came out of the Christmas season feeling a need to study it deeply. Since courses and teachers are difficult to pick at a University, I may end up teaching myself, with Ermas help, with C. Jungs books. The library is full of them. Do you have any feeling as to whom Jung may have been in previous lifetimes....?

Franklin, your visit was magnificent. I shall never forget it. I saw you take a few hard looks at me... I'm wondering what you saw, or were looking for. I hope I don't garble everything up in the mind, or elsewhere, but there is an inner thrill when I remember the power of your talk... darned if I want to become reliant on a personality, even one as pure as yours. Is it wrong to feel an urge to drop on ones knees?

A dream: I was watching myself cross a wide (6-8 ft.) bridge made of very sturdy, thick cement. I knew that there was not much time to cross, (there were others ahead of me) and that the bridge was open for only a short time. I knew this place was the far far north. The other people were all feeling good and I felt a deep rapport altho I recognized none but myself. I did feel a deep crisp coolness in my back. It was very distinctly cold but not unpleasant, not the kind that would make one chill. Under the bridge was water that was also very cold, very very deep, very crystal-clear blue. It was flowing, but I noticed not real swiftly, but extremely powerfully. I was quite taken with the power and felt a response in my chest. I knew I must not linger too long with this enchantment, and I knew I must keep balance while crossing the bridge. This puzzled the personality as the bridge seemed wide. The witness, I now realize felt the cold coldness in the back and the personal one felt the thrill of the powerful water. Well, I find that these dreams reveal much, and altho when I first tell them to you I know very little of the real message, it comes thru within time... days or years, depending on the dream.

*over* —

Just remembered another dream.

I was taken, with others, into an elevator by a man. This elevator took us down a great distance! I was then held captive — as were the others separately — in a room. I wondered where I was and decided it must be the center of earth. I was allowed to look out the window and to see sky etc. The mountains all had the tops off (ie. ) I became a little apprehensive and the man (about 40 or so, calm-featured) said we would stay until the big battle. I thought he meant to attack the surface earth. He said a date and I thought it must be 1975 and that he had made a mistake. But he said 1986. I wasn't concerned, I just felt I would be ready for battle.

My love & gratitude to  
you both  
Dorothy

Mar 7, 1966

Dear Franklin and Gertrude,

The meeting, I am told, went well. I had rationalized all preceedin worries away, there was of course no reason to become concerned. But all I did was push it under and my helpful friend, 'the colon' soon errupted so that it was quite apparent I was only fooling myself. I knew any concern would only block the little ability I may have. Oh well, I am the only one who suffered, if I can believe what people tell me. The discussion was regarding light. I opened with a short talk and reading on physical light, astral light (abstract but still gross) and Light and Akasa. At least I can say this is the first meeting that has stayed on the subject fo the whole time. I asked Mom if she would like to open the next one (first Sat in April), but I'll know the 'subject' and prepare also. Dad helped me....he seemed to automatically take the counterpoint. To be perfectly frank when it was over I just wanted to cry and forget. Wes practically made me talk about it and finally pressured me into realizing I was unconsciously trying to be as adequate as Erma. He feels I should be only myself (this is enough for him... Please dont mistake. I know these are natural for the first time.. I certainly hope Doro can improve. So far it is only my egg that is giving me trouble.

Is Paul alright? When I've thought in that direction lately I've felt a little disturbance.

Wes has slipped a couple of times re cigarettes, but is still tryin. He was sick last week, and ~~is~~ was reading C. Jung with great gusto. In fact Jung had quite an effect on Wes....for the good. I've been studying Jung so often and so lovingly that the other day I went to sign a check and signed it Doroethy Jung...

Our living room looks like a ward in a hospital. All four children have this flu and I finally made them each a bed in the living room so that they could watch afternoon cartoons.

Mar. 1 I dreamed that Franklin was to take me to the top of the highest mountain. It was sunshiny, no snow, and not steep and the was a path. I went into quite a blissfull state while approaching the peak. We took a quick look around, and into the valley and then started the descent. I knew I would not fall, but I feared what a fall would be like. You looked back at me in love and amusement. I put aside my fear and followed you down. Soon I saw another path to the top and heard Erma say, yes, there is a path now, but in 1875 there was none.

Love,  
Doro

Nov. 18, 1968

Dear Franklin and Gertrude,

Although the children are due home from school, and I shall be interrupted many times, I shall start this letter at least. I have altered much of my routine, as my life seems to have taken on another two layers of activity. As you know we now have another class, the Secret Doctrine, and this requires two more nights a month, not to mention the daily study. I must admit, I have learned how to immediately fall into study, as my time is at such a premium. Of course there are the school activities. I am a Room Mother for two classes, and a Den mother for the Cub Scouts. I did not go looking for these jobs (the latter requiring two nights and four afternoons a month) however, there were no other volunteers, and I could not refuse. However, I am able to keep up my housework etc. and have even had time for some outside reading, and I have sewed two darling twin outfits...darling not because I made them, but because any twin outfits are cute. To top it all off, I seem unable to get volunteers for the Homeopathic League study meetings...the tapes we got from headquarters are rather dull! Willow is really a good worker tho. Would you please have Franklin look over the paper I gave Lillian, re our first study group, on the infinitesimal. This was done because the tapes had been delayed.

I have been attending Obadiah Harris meetings regularly, and come away with a quiet joy. His talks are excellent, and seem thoroughly consistent. I had no cause for concern re the Kundalini classes....he gave no specific directions. I've had a dream in this regard. Obadiah Harris and I were on top of a mountain, very busily discussing plans of action, and the problems that require this action. We then, still busily discussing, start down the mountain. It seems as tho we had to talk as much as possible while we had time. As we walked down the mountain, our shoulders were touching, and I worried for a moment that observers down below would think ill of this. However, I then knew that this was unimportant.

Are you pleased re the election? I worked a couple of days, including election day, on the election, and enjoyed the involvement. I didn't enjoy standing in line two hours to vote. That same day I went with 32 first graders to the state fair.

I'll close now. Michael is selling candy for the Cubs and I must chauffeur him from place to place. I am responsible for 20 cartons, each with 19 boxes of candy. The Cubs then check out so many, and if I'm lucky they check in with the right amount of money. What a lot of bookkeeping....another of my 'jobs'.

Oh, yes. Sheri still has the needle in her foot. It had become infected, and we have had to wait this long, while she was on very potent penicillin (\$14 worth). However, Friday she enters

Good Samaritan and Saturday they will perform surgery and hopefully find it this time. It is a very difficult operation, and doctors, I've since found out, dread this. It is truly like finding a needle in a haystack. Sheri is quite adept on crutches now.

I send my love, and imagine we shall see you over here before too long. You may even be planning a surprise, right?

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely reading "Sheri", located in the upper right quadrant of the page.



June 4, 1969

Dear Franklin and Gertrude,

As I was sitting in the ~~Immanuel~~ Kant Seminar the other day, a young man passed a note to me. I laughed out loud on reading, "Your grandfather is pretty hep, isn't he?". Your books are getting circulation I find. I enjoy basking in your glory.

There is a young 'mystic' in the Kant course who heard your talk at Obadiah's who loves Pathways, has passed out several copies of your Aphorisms which the students in the philosophy dept at ASU (Tempe) really 'dig'. This young man, Bruce Rodan, has also ~~listened to~~ listened to all tapes of your lectures you gave here a few years ago. Dr. Rine'l now has the tapes. He loves Plato, Bergson, and now Shankara.... I felt a deep communication established with Dr. Rine'l during Kant's class....and this was verified in a dream just last night. He and I were on a very high (the top) floor of a building and I was trying, with a little difficulty, to express to him what my thoughts...in general...were. I expressed fear of falling, and he said he let his children play near the edge and thus they had no fear and thus no danger. ~~We~~ then saw a woman run over by a car, and I tried to ignore it, but he said it was his duty to help...with an unspoken inference that he was a doctor.

I am, much to my amazement, filled with the atmosphere of Greece. It began at Natasha Greenly's house for some reason. I had a dream that it was important that this relationship <sup>with Natasha</sup> be established. Then subsequently at her house I heard the soundless words, 'Natasha holds a key to your past.' I find that for the first time I gloss over Hindu mythology and latch onto Greek Mythology. I dreamed of a flying horse, and the word Pegasus came thru. I was pleased to learn of the correspondence. I then dreamed of the word Persephone. I sense from three different individuals a past connection relating to Greece. (I hope you remember I merely hold these things until there is more direct or persistent confirmation, so I am not firmly, as yet, declaring anything.) Last night, coming home from the Secret Doctrine class, I was thinking of what to wear at the People's Meeting, and suddenly realized I had dressed myself in a Grecian dress and hairdo!

Upon meditating at Obadiah's the other day, I was suddenly within his realm, beside him. It was such a momentary thing. And upon another meditation he was behind me. In fact it was so real, that I later wondered if somehow he had walked behind me and spoken. He did speak, but he was not behind me, and yet this feeling is very strong.

Otherwise, I note I tend to ~~pick up~~ pick up others' thoughts particularly Sheri's and Wes's. But this seems a useless phenomena, for it must be verified, and then it has come about

anyway, so I see, at least now, no value or practicality involved. The reading of the last fifty pages of the Secret Doctrine was so beautiful. A whole new emphasis was opened. A new thought. And I read and reread, as a starving man who was being continually fulfilled. What fun.

I am loving Essays on the Gita. And I enjoy the Aurobindo get-together on Thursday nights. Frankly more than the Secret Doctrine meetings. I love the Secret Doctrine study, but Erma makes things so complicated that I find a deep impatience which horrifies the outer man, because I love her so much. I hope this is a phase. I have a general tendency to be impatient, and I strongly desire directness and simplicity. I am not saying I can do this, but I enjoy being with those who tend this way. I also have no interest whatsoever in flying saucers (altho I am sure they exist in more than one way). I have no patience with phenomena, and I am impatient with constant referral to beings from Venus. I know these things exist, somehow. But there seems to be something more fundamental that needs to be stressed. It is almost as tho the outer hangups and the inner guidance is the most important, and all the intermediate phenomena hold no interest. Can you help me? Is this a legitimate development, or have I 'missed the boat'. I feel that the realm of Psychology, or the practical easing-away the blocks in mental man is very important. And the utmost importance is the quiet turning inward, drawing from or reaching toward the 'Purusha'.

Erma read your letter. It was absolutely beautiful, and I would like to read and reread it. I was struck by your mention of the clear light, for that subtly but powerfully intrigues me. I first ran across it in Secret of the Golden Flower. I was interested in your correspondences of Sansara, Nirmanakaya, (suffering); Nirvana, sambhogakaya, (bliss) Paranirvana, Darmakaya (In-difference). I would like to hear much more on the thought of purification by suffering replaced by purification by Joy. I really felt it all so right, and I would not be surprised to find the Voice of the Silence used a 'blind'.

The thought of a soon-to-be initiation or 'death' of course makes us all 'wonder'. Erma seemed to feel those in the family might be upset at the thought of your 'going in'. May I reassure you both that we know what is within your 'realm' is right, and tho we would most certainly miss your physical presence, how could we abhor death. I also suspect your 'Presence' would be near. If you ever came thru Erma (would you?) You would be quickly recognized, as your expressions are extremely different. But I suspect you would blend most beautifully with my Pure Brother, Bob. When I speak of your Presence, I think I think of the combined Sr. -Jr. partners.

All is well with the children. I find it a little difficult having constant companions, but they are sweet. Dana and Pheri received outstanding grades. Jimmy improved immensely, and I think will soon fall into above category. Mike has difficulty because he is somewhat lazy, but he does well. He does not fail anything. The teacher says he can do excellent work, but doesn't want to and thus is inconsistent. Wes has been doing very well! We still never communicate verbally re the teachings, but our surface life is now pretty smooth. We have both 'improved'.

Feb. 16

Dear Franklin and Gertrude,

Bruce has thought up a project. We are going to mimeograph 50 copies of your new book. This means we will have to type a stencil of each page, altho we are going to single space so we will condense the number of pages necessary. We have 10 investors, investing \$15 per person, which will cover the expenses. Then if we can sell the remaining 40 copies, we will be able to reimburse the initial investors \$10 leaving the price of the manuscript at \$5. We hope to have a picture of Franklin and a spiral binding included for this \$5 / copy, so if you know of anyone who would like a copy please let us know immediately.

We listened to two of Franklin's tapes last Thursday afternoon, and we are going to listen again this Thursday. Those of us who are available for afternoon 'groupsm' are Mom, Dad, Clair Eleine, Bruce, Natasha and myself.

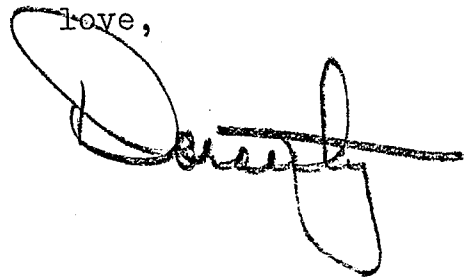
Jim and Muggeridge and Bruce say they just cant believe that they know Franklin. They are really in awe. Bruce said, "When you think that this manuscript (Franklin's) may be the greatest ever done, we can surely afford the time to type and run it off".

I do want to thank you for your visit. It was so very worthwhile, valueable, enjoyable etc. etc. I find that there is a carry-over in this way, I fall into a meditation quite easily. And I feel my inner Friend is coming quite close at these times. I also find more thoughts opening up as to what I wrote in my paper concerning that Jan 25.

We are anxious to see you again.

We hope to make a trip up to the ranch about the third week in July, but I shall be more definite later. When will the Geshells vacate the house? We wont be able to come as he does not get a vacation this year due to a job-switch.

Love,



We are still planning to come to the Ranch June 12. So that we will not have to get a hotel room we will make the trip in on day, so we will not get in until fairly late... about 8? We plan to leave here about 6. Bob is coming too, ok? He will stay the week as we will, that is unless his allergy hits. That allergy sends him into pneumonia, so its not a simple problem, altho Bob's fear complicates things.

Oh yes, Bob says to tell you he will bring some of his own food. But I imagine his diet isnt too different from Gertrudes.

We were also wondering if Peggy might stay with the children over one night. Wes wanted us to get just one day by ourselves and we thought we might run up to Tahoe. Well, we shall see.

Oh yes - we can fix mattresses  
on the floor for the babies -  
Please dont worry about  
anything!! A family with six  
children is very flexible and  
self-sufficient.

Our love,

Ward & Edy  
All

December 28, 1978

Dear Franklin,

I hope your trip has been a good one. Everyone here is thinking of you.

Thank you for the Christmas gift, Franklin. It certainly came in handy for me, and the children were completely broke after their holiday spending and so were thrilled to have some money so that they might go to a movie or something during their vacation. Your Christmas card was especially beautiful this year, and we did enjoy the fact that you personally signed it.

All is well here. I am enjoying some time to myself now that classes are over and shopping is done. Jim Muggrige was married the 22nd and his wedding was beautiful. It was done by a Catholic Priest, but a very unconventional one. Most of our group attended and just a few others who were Marilyn's family. There was a reception afterward that was warm, enjoyable, with much food.

We will be reading Govinda's works in the Tuesday class and relate it to yours. Then we will probably get back to the tapes. Bruce Raden is particularly fond of the tapes.

Wishing you well and  
sending you love,

Dorothy

June 19, 1979

Dear Franklin,

We just received word that we can extend our stay in San Diego until the 30th of June, therefore we shall arrive in Lone Pine late Saturday, June 30th.

Mom is steadily improving, and so should enjoy her visit.

You will be receiving our next newsletter soon. It is mainly an announcement and invitation to Convention Sunday.

Dana received your graduation card and gift. She was delightfully surprised and pleased. Her main gift for graduation was a camera, a good one, and so with her artists' eye she is taking quite a few pictures.

Mom had lunch with Erma and Fred the other day. They seem to be fine, and Erma did not seem to be on heavy medication as she had been the last time I saw here (a few weeks ago).

Say hello to John for me.

Love,  
Dorothy

August 1, 1979

DEAR FRANKLIN,

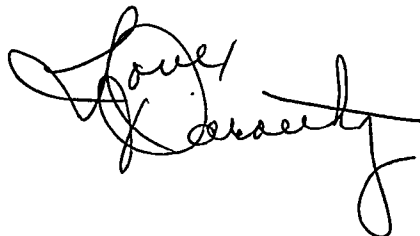
I AM SO LOOKING FORWARD TO CONVENTION. I SHALL BE ARRIVING LATE THURSDAY NIGHT OR SOMETIME ON FRIDAY.

I WANTED TO RESTATE WHAT I SAID BEFORE I LEFT LAST VISIT. I FEEL A STRONG INNER COMMITMENT TO THE SPIRITUAL LIFE, AS YOU KNOW, FOR IT HAS BEEN THERE FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER. OF COURSE YOU AND GRANDMOTHER, AS WELL AS MY PARENTS, HAVE GIVEN ME MUCH IN THAT REGARD. I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO HAVE BEEN BORN INTO SUCH A LINEAGE.

MY COMMITMENT TO YOU AND THE TEACHING YOU HAVE SO WISELY AND COMPASSIONATELY BROUGHT TO US IS: 1. TO KEEP YOUR TEACHING AS MUCH IN PURE FORM AS POSSIBLE AND TO WORK WITH MY BROTHER BOB IN SO DOING -- AND TO WORK WITH OTHERS IF THEY ARE SINCERELY COMMITTED TO SAME. 2. TO MAKE AVAILABLE YOUR SPOKEN AND WRITTEN WORD IN PURE FORM TO THOSE WHO WOULD WISH IT. 3. TO KEEP THE RANCH AREA AVAILABLE AS A SPIRITUAL RETREAT. MY CHILDREN ARE OF THE SAME WISH. THOSE OF US WHO LIVE SPIRITUAL LIVES IN THE CITY YEARN AND NEED A SPIRITUAL CENTER SUCH AS THE RANCH AREA IS.

ALL IS WELL HERE. I AM SO GLAD TO HAVE MY NEW CAR SO THAT I KNOW I CAN GET FROM PLACE TO PLACE. I WILL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT WHEN I ARRIVE.

DANA WAS SORRY SHE COULDN'T COME. SHE IS FEELING A STRONG DRAWING UP THERE LATELY, AND IS ASKING GOOD QUESTIONS. SHE HAD FORGOTTEN THAT SHE AND A COUPLE OF FRIENDS HAD VERY EXPENSIVE TICKETS TO A CONCERT THAT SHE HAD WANTED TO GO TO FOR A LONG TIME. SHE SENDS HER LOVE.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Louise Kennedy". The signature is fluid and stylized, with the first name "Louise" written above the last name "Kennedy".

January 5, 1980

Dear Franklin,

Thank you so much for the Christmas fruit and checks.  
They are greatly appreciated by us all.

The holidays here were somewhat hectic. I started Shopping December 1st and so it was a great relief when Christmas finally arrived. I simply do not enjoy shopping!

Dana was ill for some time with the flu that is going around. We had a time getting her over it. John had it too, but recovered quickly.

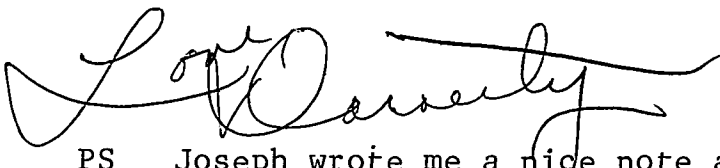
Sherie is doing fine. She takes her final test in Arizona this Thursday, and then will take her California State test next month.

I am having a few more tapes copied, as we have gotten some requests, and I thought you might need a few more there. If Tom can, he might send me an inventory of tapes (cassettes). I have an old friend (I knew him when we lived in Ajo) who is in the computer business, as well as transcribing tapes. He wants to teach me mail-ordering, as well as copying any tapes we need. He has that special machine in which a hour tape can be copied in five minutes.

We still are getting orders for books. Especially from book stores, and in particular the Bodhi Tree Bookstore in Los Angeles, and the East West Bookstore in New York, which is an outlet for Swami Rama.

Enclosed is a recent picture of my family. We particularly wanted you to have a copy. I am sorry we couldn't get a larger one, but they are so very expensive.

My love and continuing gratitude and respect to you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Love Doreen". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

PS Joseph wrote me a nice note about him and Doreen. I wasn't surprised at all, and was of course happy for them. Romance is such fun... at least initially.



February 22, 1980

Dear Franklin,

In thinking of the Sri Aurobindo seminar March 21, 22, & 23, I was wondering how to make it possible for John to come. He wishes to, as you know.

I have thought of a few possibilities. One is that perhaps Peggy could move in just for that Friday through late Monday. Of course she works during the daytime, but you have been doing well enough of late to spend that time there. Or perhaps Gene and Lillian could help in some way.

But what I would like to suggest, if no one is available from the ranch, then someone from Lone Pine could be hired for the four days and nights. This would also provide future freedom for John, as he needs to fulfill his life through this freedom at times. And I must admit I speak for Dana too, as she does miss him quite a lot. Their friendship is something special I think.

We are all fine here. We have had quite a lot of rain with the flooding problems you have probably seen on TV. However it doesn't effect me at all. It does Bob, for the Motorola he works at now is in Mesa. It takes 3-5 hours to go a distance that ordinarily takes 30 minutes. And a couple of evenings it took people 8 hours to go from Phoenix to Tempe. Several were just renting rooms to avoid that. (Most of the roads are washed out).

Sherie has temporarily, at least, postponed her wedding. I am unsure as to when plans will resume.

Karen's sister still has the manuscript. We are getting more and more inquiries as to when it will be finished. I am a little unsure as to why it is taking so long. I have had some nice letters from some nice people about you.

Hope all is well with you. And I hope we will be able to make a trip up before too long.

Love,  
Dana

March 12, 1980

DEAR FRANKLIN,

WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE FUN TO COME SEE YOU IN THE MIDDLE OF APRIL IF THAT WOULD BE ALLRIGHT. I AM NOT SURE WHO ALL WILL BE COMING, BUT AT LEAST MIKE, THE TWINS, AND DANA.

I DREAMED OF YOU LAST NIGHT. YOU WANTED TO SEE ME FOR SOME REASON. I VISITED YOU IN SOME SMALL ROOM THAT YOU WERE TEMPORARILY STAYING IN, AND THE COMMUNICATION WAS CASUAL. BUT I NOTICED SEVERAL RECORD ALBUMS, PARTICULARLY ONE BY A SOPRANO, THAT HAD NOT BEEN PLAYED YET AND I THOUGHT WE SHOULD PLAY THEM. I KNEW IT WOULD BE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC.

MOM ALSO HAD A DREAM. TWO NIGHTS AGO. SHE AWOKE WITH A FEELING OF EXPECTANCY. SHE WENT BACK TO SLEEP AND DAD ( FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE HIS DEATH) VISITED HER AND TOLD HER IT WOULD BE ALLRIGHT WHEN YOU WENT IN, AND THAT AT THAT TIME WE WOULD DEVELOP A NEW FUNCTION. SHE WILL TELL YOU MORE ABOUT IT.

SHERIE SPENT A WEEK AT HOME. SHE IS DOING FINE, ALTHOUGH EXPERIENCING SOME DIFFICULTIES IN LIVING THE NECESSARY ASPECTS OF LIFE (LIKE FINDING A JOB ETC.). SHE IS DOING SOME FINE MATURING.

KAREN STATES OUR BOOK - YOURS THAT IS - IS ARRIVING THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 22. We WILL COLATE IT AND GET IT TO THE PRINTERS. KAREN SAID IT WOULD TAKE THE PRINTERS TWO WEEKS.

MY DEEP LOVE TO YOU,

*Dorothy*

April 28, 1980

Dear Franklin,

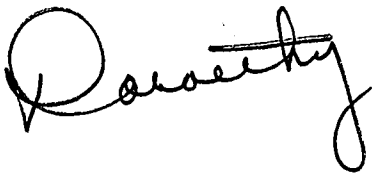
WHAT A LOVELY TIME WE ALL HAD. IT IS SO JOYFUL FOR US TO BE THERE WITH YOU. THE CHILDREN WERE SORRY TO MISS THE SNOW.

I HAD A CALL FROM DAVID DIAMON LAST NIGHT. HE WILL BE MOVING TO PHOENIX NEXT WEEK. PART OF THE REASON HE IS MOVING HERE IS SO THAT HE CAN ATTEND THE TUESDAY NIGHT TAPE MEETINGS OF YOUR TALKS. HE WILL BE A REAL ASSET FOR US.

BOB AND SHARON WILL BE VISITING THE RANCH JUNE 14 or 15. ALSO THERE ARE SOME OTHERS, LIKE DAVE, WHO MAY WISH TO COME UP SO WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHEN YOU AND JOHN WILL BE MAKING YOUR TRIP UP NORTH.

MOM, MYSELF AND KIDS WILL BE SPENDING OUR WEEK THERE ARRIVING LATE JUNE 27th. AND OF COURSE I WILL BE UP FOR CONVENTION. WE CAN DISCUSS CONVENTION PLANS AND PROGRAM WITH LILLIAN AND GENE WHEN I COME UP IN JUNE.

LOVE,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dorothy". The signature is written in dark ink and is located below the "LOVE," text.

May 20, 1980

Dear Franklin, and John,

Some people are already asking about Convention.

I thought I would talk with Lillian and Gene when I come up there in late June, but since that is rather late to be still in the formulation stage, I thought I would try to get some things arranged early so that an announcement can be mailed early.

Some suggestions made to me: (1.) That Alix do another of her fine and unstructured meditations at the little house on Saturday afternoon. (2.) That Ed Dadoe demonstrate some of his hatha yoga Saturday morning at the little house (3.) That the music program that was so well-received at the Sri Aurobindo seminar here in town be given. This might be a good event for Gene and Lillian's open house, if they would be willing to add this to their program. It lasts about 30 minutes and Chuck and Karen, and a couple of others, are the main participants. It is high quality. And (4.) that there be the Friday night getting to know each other at the little house for those who arrive early.

Otherwise the announcement would mention: (1.) that people coming be self-contained. (2.) that there is a potluck on Sunday at noon. (3.) that there will be the playing of your tapes on Convention Sunday - topics to be announced (times to be as last year - we would use last years program with updating.) (4.) A statement that there is no fee, but that donations are welcome to help with the center being maintained. (?)

I am writing to Gene and Lillian. I will need to see if they would be willing for the musical program or we would make other arrangements - to see if Lillian wants to do the mailing - to let her know I can type the announcements for her - to let her know I can reprint the program - to check with them to see if there is something more that I have missed.

I have written this to both John and Franklin so that John may respond. I have made a carbon for Gene and Lillian so that they know.

P.S.  
Do you plan to extend convention to Monday, Tao?

July 29, 1980

Dear Franklin,

Joseph Rowe sent us a copy of his letter to you and so we are aware of his generous offer to live with you. How marvelous to have a resident mathematician...and a nurse also. John often said it would be better to have two people there as there is too much work for just one. Mom is especially pleased as she liked him very much. But we can discuss this when Mom, Bob and I are there. Remember when I read the Tarot cards it was suggested that there would be a mature man, probably a mathematician (King of Pentacles) who would provide you with something very worthwhile for the future of your work. (Remember I said it would be within 30 days?)

Last night I received a long distance phone call from Paul Herbert wanting three or four of your reel to reel tapes so that he could make cassettes from them for Convention time. I am mailing those to him tomorrow morning by special mail. He also informed me the possible video-taping at that time.

However, he also mentioned a lady who will be coming up for a couple of weeks and suggested she do some transcribing. I have written him informing him of the Phoenix Group already doing that and we have an exclusive permission from you for that. This way we might get publication of the transcripts. (Remember our signed contract?)

Incidentally, our publication of the Sangha has doubled, and we are getting much mail in that regard. It is very flattering. We are also beginning to get requests for the pamphlets on the tape transcriptions (we now have 14 available for public).

I imagine John and Dana have kept you informed of the Phoenix people coming for Convention. Mom, Bobby and Jennifer will be arriving sometime Thursday (making it a two day trip and so leaving Phoenix on Wednesday). Mom will stay awhile after Convention to help. I will be arriving late Thursday, and of course the Phoenix people will occupy the little house as usual.

Karen has school, so she cannot leave until Friday, but she can stay the whole week. She can stay the first few days with us at the little house, but Mom suggested she then move into the room with her. Karen will catch up on the correspondance and other secretarial work for you while there. I have had a rather strong intuition that you're going to need to be a little guarded against some visitors who may pry a little. Now that you are getting better known there will be some power-hungry men and women wanting to move in. Privacy will be one protection. Guardedness another. Of course, most protection can be from your loved ones being near. My feeling is that <sup>the problem</sup> / ~~it~~ may come in the form of a woman. But with Mom, Karen, Bob and myself there - there will be outer protection as well as inner protection.

I had a lovely note from Fay and Harry Newman. What beautiful people they are. They will be there of course. Alix Taylor cannot make it this year, but she sent a lovely note and her love to you. Remember the fellow who hitch-hiked from New York. He is hitching again this year from Minneapolis. He will not be able to provide a dish for the potluck and so sent 25 dollars. The check is enclosed. Bob Endres is his name. I correspond with him regularly. → *not enclosed*

Mike Schmitt has offered to play the piano for the Sunday night meeting - before the tape. Dave Diamon will try to tune the piano Saturday afternoon about the time you sit out in the garden.

*my deep love to you —  
Dorothy*

AUGUST 18, 1980

Dear Franklin,

I wanted to write a note of love and appreciation and respect. Words will as usual, just not express all I wish to. Your taped talks at Convention were just beautiful. I especially loved the last tape. But most of all I was very deeply touched by your blessing to us. What lovely thing to do, and I shall always carry that with me.

Once again I hope to give in service to your ideal, and once again I rededicate myself to that. I shall keep your teachings available to all who wish them, either in printed or taped form. I also do not wish to charge overly much. And as you wish, they will be kept in as pure a form as possible.

As I mentioned when I was up there, I will keep you informed of everything. Also enclosed is a copy of our agreement. Our next step is to get a copyright on the tapes.

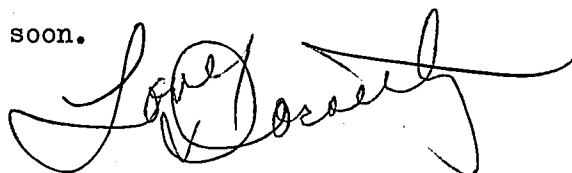
I wrote Joseph Rowe a letter. When I hear from him I will write you immediately. When do you plan to come to Phoenix for your visit? In early or middle October?

Pam and Bruce Raden send their love. I thanked them for the book they sent for your birthday, but if John (or Dana) will, they might write a thankyou note. They are going to help me on the Sangha. Karen doesn't seem to have the time since she is carrying two jobs and going to school also. Also, she might do more with your book if she has more time.

Wasn't it a lovely gesture for Brugh Joy to helicopter in. That must have cost him a lot of money. He loves and respects you...and his love carries deep value. I enjoyed meeting Dr. Moss and his 'wife'. I like them both very much and had a deja vu with her.

Dana said Dr. Lilly and Toni also came by for a visit. What a great tribute to you from a very very busy man. (and busy lady)

My deep love to you. I will write soon.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Love Dasey". The signature is fluid and expressive, with a large loop at the end.

September 5, 1980

Dear Franklin,

Dana and John made it fine back to Phoenix. However, they miss you and being up there. Sherie is also in Phoenix right now so that she can get some more schooling. But she loves San Diego and so will move back there.

Pam and Bruce helped on the last newsletter. What a relief. We worked well together with none of the problems I have experienced with Karen.

Joseph Rowe called me last night. His girlfriend that he was going to marry had a family obligation occur, and she is also thinking of going back to France, so the marriage did not take place and she would not be coming with him to Lone Pine. But he is still willing to come and the 100.00/month is fine with him. As you remember, he has also been a cook at one time. However, he needs 1. 6 weeks notice for his employer and 2. some direct word from you that you want him. He would like you to either dictate a letter to Tom or you could call him at his home evenings or Saturday or Sunday. There is a two hour time difference.

Joseph Rowe  
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C/O KMFA  
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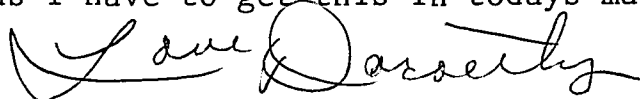
If you would respond in some way within a week it would be helpful. This way he could meet you in Phoenix at the end of your visit here in late October.

John said he could drive up to get you when you are ready to come to Phoenix in October. Bob Alvarado offered also.

Sorry to hear Fred Pounds has been prescribing Demerol to "patients who did not need it". I was surprised, as his stand has always been to avoid drugs, even aspirin. Arizona keeps a close watch on Demerol. Of course they allow it for terminal patients, particularly terminal cancer patients. But for other patients they regulate drugs well. But according to the Osteopathic Board, he prescribed it to several. His license was suspended in April for 2-10 years.

We are still getting orders for books, which Karen handles, and for the Sangha and Reembodiment, which I handle. It is fun to respond to these people.

Any word about Faustin? I liked her.  
Will close now as I have to get this in today's mail. My love to you.  
Tell Tom 'hi'.





September 20, 1980

Dear Franklin,

We are all looking forward to your visit in October. We are hoping the weather will be cool at that time. It looks hopeful and the evenings and mornings are cool now.

We have started studying Pathways on Tuesday nights now. Dana and Sherie are both attending and enjoying it. How fulfilling it is to be able to study, stimulate the intellect and have it full of meaning. Empty concepts, words, ideas are a real bore. Karen has stopped coming to the Tuesday night meetings. I tried talking with her, but her objection to John and Dana's relationship is quite pronounced. Both she and Doreen feel that their "outer show of affection lowers the atmosphere of the whole ranch". I have pointed out that 1. love is an elevating emotion, especially when under the guidance of their spiritual guru, you of course, and 2. they do not have the power to override the presence of the "whole ranch". Many women, as you may have noted, who are involved in the woman's liberation movement, and to some extent the feminism movement, feel they have to reject their feminine side in order to assert their masculine side. But there are women writing of this now and warning it is not an either-or situation but a both-and.

I had a lovely letter from Vasant Merchant. She was glad to receive news of you and sends her love. She has invited me up for a visit. But she is frequently away involved with her many many speaking engagements. But I do plan to visit. She has agreed to visit with Ed Dedoe when he comes here.

Pam and Bruce are a great help on the newsletter. Their little girl is extremely bright and looks a lot like Bruce.

We received payment for a previous order of books sent to the Bodhi Tree Bookstore in Los Angeles with another order for 25. We also received notice that one of the teachers at the Himalyan Institute is using your Introceptualism as a text book. I still get 4-5 letters each week. I respond to each one personally and within 3 days (my time limit).

I had another call from Joseph Rowe. We are both awaiting your decision. As previously mentioned, he needs six weeks notice. Please have Tom write to let me know if you have made other plans, or if Joseph is still wanted. It is only fair that he have some notice one way or the other. By the way, Joseph has written a supplement for students of Dr. Wolff - a summary of the mathematical

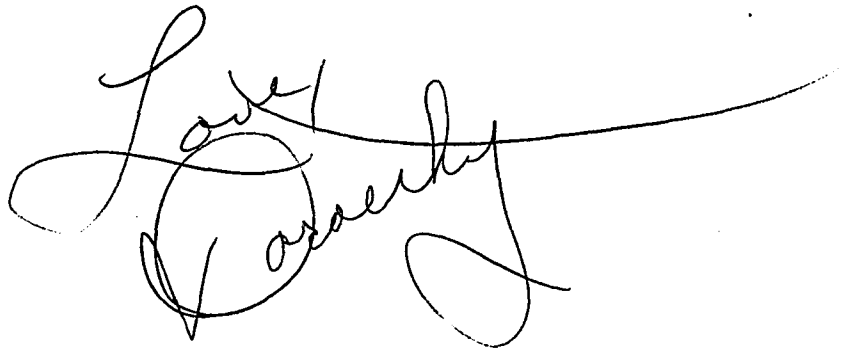
references with some explanation for the layman. He is quite excited about it. Also we talked some about any expectations he might have of you, and I think you will find he will just be an enjoyable and very efficient companion - as you may remember, he was a cook at one time.

Have you decided how you are going to get to Phoenix? Or when? If Tom drives you I imagine Dave can offer him a place to stay, as Mom's extra room will be occupied at that time. Of course, John offered to come up.

I had a nice note from Brugh Joy's secretary with some helpful information regarding your work. I really appreciated the support he gave me personally this time.

Hope all is well with you. I imagine the weather is getting quite chilly now. Have Gene and Lillian returned yet?

My love to you,  
Missing you and your Presence,

A handwritten signature in cursive script. The word "Love" is written in a large, flowing style. Below it, the name "L. L. L." is written in a smaller, more compact cursive. A long, horizontal line extends from the end of the signature across the page.

Dear Franklin,

Here is your copy and John's of our newsletter. With the typing and our weekend off, it is just a little late.

Hope your trip is fine. We are looking forward to your visit here. I am anxious to hear the tape again also. As are several others. The weather will be fine then.

Jennifer is excited as she passed her audition into the Symphonettes which is a subsidiary of the Symphony here.

I am getting nice letters from various people, and we are still getting book orders. It is all very exciting for us all.

Karen wrote the section on Convention - isn't it trully beautiful. I was quite touched, I know you will be also.

My love to you,

And the children send their love.

Doroethy

January 7

Dear Franklin,

Thank you so very much for the Christmas presents. As we are all pretty wellbroke at this time of year, it was especially welcome. The cards were beautiful, and we loved having your special signature on them.

Mom is feeling much better, back to normal. She is expecting you the 21st or 22nd. Dana and John have tickets to a special concert the 22nd, so if you can make it then it will be fine for everyone.

Our Christmas was a fine one. A little too hectic for me as I did all Mom's shopping and baking for her, with Karen's help. Our Solstice meeting was once again very special, with the Presence quite tangible. You seemed to be there also.

Sherie is getting married in mid-April. We would like to see the ceremony you performed for Bob and Sharon, the one grandmother wrote - to see if that might be what she wishes. Can John find it and you both bring it when you come in January.

I had a nice letter and phone call from David Diamon. He wrote a very loving poem about you. I am asking him if we can print it in the Sangha. He is doing fine, completing a course in piano tuning, and seriously contemplating moving to Phoenix in May..

I had a loving letter from Paul Collins in that he donated a little money and complimented us on our effort. He has so little money, so that little donation was especially ~~xxx~~ appreciated..

We are starting a Theosophy group here, instead of the Aurobindo group - for awhile. We are studying Judge's Ocean of Theosophy. Joan felt we needed a new impetus. However, I am organizing a seminar in March for Sri Aurobindo's Yoga and Philosophy.

We shall see you soon.

Love,  
Dorothy